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~~EXTENDED CDNAS FOR SECRETED PROTEINS~~  
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Background of the Invention

15 The estimated 50,000-100,000 genes scattered along the human chromosomes offer tremendous  
promise for the understanding, diagnosis, and treatment of human diseases. In addition, probes capable  
of specifically hybridizing to loci distributed throughout the human genome find applications in the  
construction of high resolution chromosome maps and in the identification of individuals.

20 In the past, the characterization of even a single human gene was a painstaking process,  
requiring years of effort. Recent developments in the areas of cloning vectors, DNA sequencing, and  
computer technology have merged to greatly accelerate the rate at which human genes can be isolated,  
sequenced, mapped, and characterized. Cloning vectors such as yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs)  
and bacterial artificial chromosomes (BACs) are able to accept DNA inserts ranging from 300 to 1000  
kilobases (kb) or 100-400 kb in length respectively, thereby facilitating the manipulation and ordering of  
DNA sequences distributed over great distances on the human chromosomes. Automated DNA  
sequencing machines permit the rapid sequencing of human genes. Bioinformatics software enables the  
25 comparison of nucleic acid and protein sequences, thereby assisting in the characterization of human  
gene products.

30 Currently, two different approaches are being pursued for identifying and characterizing the  
genes distributed along the human genome. In one approach, large fragments of genomic DNA are  
isolated, cloned, and sequenced. Potential open reading frames in these genomic sequences are  
identified using bio-informatics software. However, this approach entails sequencing large stretches of  
human DNA which do not encode proteins in order to find the protein encoding sequences scattered  
throughout the genome. In addition to requiring extensive sequencing, the bio-informatics software may  
mischaracterize the genomic sequences obtained. Thus, the software may produce false positives in  
which non-coding DNA is mischaracterized as coding DNA or false negatives in which coding DNA is  
35 mislabeled as non-coding DNA.

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An alternative approach takes a more direct route to identifying and characterizing human genes. In this approach, complementary DNAs (cDNAs) are synthesized from isolated messenger RNAs (mRNAs) which encode human proteins. Using this approach, sequencing is only performed on DNA which is derived from protein coding portions of the genome. Often, only short stretches of the cDNAs are sequenced to obtain sequences called expressed sequence tags (ESTs). The ESTs may then be used to isolate or purify extended cDNAs which include sequences adjacent to the EST sequences. The extended cDNAs may contain all of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them or only a portion of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them. In addition, the extended cDNAs may contain the full coding sequence of the gene from which the EST was derived or, alternatively, the extended cDNAs may include portions of the coding sequence of the gene from which the EST was derived. It will be appreciated that there may be several extended cDNAs which include the EST sequence as a result of alternate splicing or the activity of alternative promoters.

In the past, the short EST sequences which could be used to isolate or purify extended cDNAs were often obtained from oligo-dT primed cDNA libraries. Accordingly, they mainly corresponded to the 3' untranslated region of the mRNA. In part, the prevalence of EST sequences derived from the 3' end of the mRNA is a result of the fact that typical techniques for obtaining cDNAs, are not well suited for isolating cDNA sequences derived from the 5' ends of mRNAs. (Adams et al., Nature 377:174, 1996, Hillier et al., Genome Res. 6:807-828, 1996).

In addition, in those reported instances where longer cDNA sequences have been obtained, the reported sequences typically correspond to coding sequences and do not include the full 5' untranslated region of the mRNA from which the cDNA is derived. Such incomplete sequences may not include the first exon of the mRNA, particularly in situations where the first exon is short. Furthermore, they may not include some exons, often short ones, which are located upstream of splicing sites. Thus, there is a need to obtain sequences derived from the 5' ends of mRNAs which can be used to obtain extended cDNAs which may include the 5' sequences contained in the 5' ESTs.

While many sequences derived from human chromosomes have practical applications, approaches based on the identification and characterization of those chromosomal sequences which encode a protein product are particularly relevant to diagnostic and therapeutic uses. Of the 50,000-100,000 protein coding genes, those genes encoding proteins which are secreted from the cell in which they are synthesized, as well as the secreted proteins themselves, are particularly valuable as potential therapeutic agents. Such proteins are often involved in cell to cell communication and may be responsible for producing a clinically relevant response in their target cells.

In fact, several secretory proteins, including tissue plasminogen activator, G-CSF, GM-CSF, erythropoietin, human growth hormone, insulin, interferon- $\alpha$ , interferon- $\beta$ , interferon- $\gamma$ , and interleukin-2, are currently in clinical use. These proteins are used to treat a wide range of conditions, including

acute myocardial infarction, acute ischemic stroke, anemia, diabetes, growth hormone deficiency, hepatitis, kidney carcinoma, chemotherapy induced neutropenia and multiple sclerosis. For these reasons, extended cDNAs encoding secreted proteins or portions thereof represent a particularly valuable source of therapeutic agents. Thus, there is a need for the identification and characterization of secreted proteins and the nucleic acids encoding them.

In addition to being therapeutically useful themselves, secretory proteins include short peptides, called signal peptides, at their amino termini which direct their secretion. These signal peptides are encoded by the signal sequences located at the 5' ends of the coding sequences of genes encoding secreted proteins. Because these signal peptides will direct the extracellular secretion of any protein to which they are operably linked, the signal sequences may be exploited to direct the efficient secretion of any protein by operably linking the signal sequences to a gene encoding the protein for which secretion is desired. This may prove beneficial in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to deliver a particular gene product to cells other than the cell in which it is produced. Signal sequences encoding signal peptides also find application in simplifying protein purification techniques. In such applications, the extracellular secretion of the desired protein greatly facilitates purification by reducing the number of undesired proteins from which the desired protein must be selected. Thus, there exists a need to identify and characterize the 5' portions of the genes for secretory proteins which encode signal peptides.

Public information on the number of human genes for which the promoters and upstream regulatory regions have been identified and characterized is quite limited. In part, this may be due to the difficulty of isolating such regulatory sequences. Upstream regulatory sequences such as transcription factor binding sites are typically too short to be utilized as probes for isolating promoters from human genomic libraries. Recently, some approaches have been developed to isolate human promoters. One of them consists of making a CpG island library (Cross, S.H. et al., Purification of CpG Islands using a Methylated DNA Binding Column, Nature Genetics 6: 236-244 (1994)). The second consists of isolating human genomic DNA sequences containing SpeI binding sites by the use of SpeI binding protein. (Mortlock et al., Genome Res. 6:327-335, 1996). Both of these approaches have their limits due to a lack of specificity or of comprehensiveness.

5' ESTs and extended cDNAs obtainable therefrom may be used to efficiently identify and isolate upstream regulatory regions which control the location, developmental stage, rate, and quantity of protein synthesis, as well as the stability of the mRNA. Theil et al., BioFactors 4:87-93 (1993). Once identified and characterized, these regulatory regions may be utilized in gene therapy or protein purification schemes to obtain the desired amount and locations of protein synthesis or to inhibit, reduce, or prevent the synthesis of undesirable gene products.

In addition, ESTs containing the 5' ends of secretory protein genes or extended cDNAs which

include sequences adjacent to the sequences of the ESTs may include sequences useful as probes for chromosome mapping and the identification of individuals. Thus, there is a need to identify and characterize the sequences upstream of the 5' coding sequences of genes encoding secretory proteins.

#### Summary of the Invention

The present invention relates to purified, isolated, or recombinant cDNAs which encode secreted proteins or fragments thereof. Preferably, the purified, isolated or recombinant cDNAs contain the entire open reading frame of their corresponding mRNAs, including a start codon and a stop codon. For example, the cDNAs may include nucleic acids encoding the signal peptide as well as the mature protein. Such cDNAs will be referred herein as "full-length" cDNAs. Alternatively, the cDNAs may contain a fragment of the open reading frame. Such cDNAs will be referred herein as "ESTs" or "5'ESTs". In some embodiments, the fragment may encode only the sequence of the mature protein. Alternatively, the fragment may encode only a fragment of the mature protein. A further aspect of the present invention is a nucleic acid which encodes the signal peptide of a secreted protein.

The present extended cDNAs were obtained using ESTs which include sequences derived from the authentic 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs. As used herein the terms "EST" or "5' EST" refer to the short cDNAs which were used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention. As used herein, the term "extended cDNA" refers to the cDNAs which include sequences adjacent to the 5' EST used to obtain them. The extended cDNAs may contain all or a portion of the sequence of the EST which was used to obtain them. The term "corresponding mRNA" refers to the mRNA which was the template for the cDNA synthesis which produced the 5' EST. As used herein, the term "purified" does not require absolute purity; rather, it is intended as a relative definition. Individual extended cDNA clones isolated from a cDNA library have been conventionally purified to electrophoretic homogeneity. The sequences obtained from these clones could not be obtained directly either from the library or from total human DNA. The extended cDNA clones are not naturally occurring as such, but rather are obtained via manipulation of a partially purified naturally occurring substance (messenger RNA). The conversion of mRNA into a cDNA library involves the creation of a synthetic substance (cDNA) and pure individual cDNA clones can be isolated from the synthetic library by clonal selection. Thus, creating a cDNA library from messenger RNA and subsequently isolating individual clones from that library results in an approximately  $10^4$ - $10^6$  fold purification of the native message. Purification of starting material or natural material to at least one order of magnitude, preferably two or three orders, and more preferably four or five orders of magnitude is expressly contemplated.

The term "purified" is further used herein to describe a polypeptide or polynucleotide of the invention which has been separated from other compounds including, but not limited to, polypeptides

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or polynucleotides, carbohydrates, lipids, etc. The term "purified" may be used to specify the separation of monomeric polypeptides of the invention from oligomeric forms such as homo- or hetero- dimers, trimers, etc. The term "purified" may also be used to specify the separation of covalently closed polynucleotides from linear polynucleotides. A polynucleotide is substantially pure when at least about 50%, preferably 60 to 75% of a sample exhibits a single polynucleotide sequence and conformation (linear versus covalently close). A substantially pure polypeptide or polynucleotide typically comprises about 50%, preferably 60 to 90% weight/weight of a polypeptide or polynucleotide sample, respectively, more usually about 95%, and preferably is over about 99% pure. Polypeptide and polynucleotide purity, or homogeneity, is indicated by a number of means well known in the art, such as agarose or polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis of a sample, followed by visualizing a single band upon staining the gel. For certain purposes higher resolution can be provided by using HPLC or other means well known in the art. As an alternative embodiment, purification of the polypeptides and polynucleotides of the present invention may be expressed as "at least" a percent purity relative to heterologous polypeptides and polynucleotides (DNA, RNA or both). As a preferred embodiment, the polypeptides and polynucleotides of the present invention are at least; 10%, 20%, 30%, 40%, 50%, 60%, 70%, 80%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 96%, 98%, 99%, or 100% pure relative to heterologous polypeptides and polynucleotides, respectively. As a further preferred embodiment the polypeptides and polynucleotides have a purity ranging from any number, to the thousandth position, between 90% and 100% (e.g., a polypeptide or polynucleotide at least 99.995% pure) relative to either heterologous polypeptides or polynucleotides, respectively, or as a weight/weight ratio relative to all compounds and molecules other than those existing in the carrier. Each number representing a percent purity, to the thousandth position, may be claimed as individual species of purity.

The term "isolated" requires that the material be removed from its original environment (e. g., the natural environment if it is naturally occurring). For example, a naturally occurring polynucleotide or polypeptide present in a living animal is not isolated, but the same polynucleotide or DNA or polypeptide, separated from some or all of the coexisting materials in the natural system, is isolated. Such polynucleotide could be part of a vector and/or such polynucleotide or polypeptide could be part of a composition, and still be isolated in that the vector or composition is not part of its natural environment. Specifically excluded from the definition of "isolated" are: naturally occurring chromosomes (such as chromosome spreads), artificial chromosome libraries, genomic libraries, and cDNA libraries that exist either as an in vitro nucleic acid preparation or as a transfected/transformed host cell preparation, wherein the host cells are either in an vitro heterogeneous preparation or plated as a heterogeneous population of single colonies, and/or further wherein the polynucleotide of the present invention makes up less than 5% (or alternatively 1%, 2%, 3%, 4%, 10%, 25%, 50%, 75%, or 90%,

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95%, or 99%) of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the vector molecules. Further specifically excluded are whole cell genomic DNA or whole cell RNA preparations (including said whole cell preparations which are mechanically sheared or enzymatically digested). Further specifically excluded are the above whole cell preparations as an in vitro preparation, still further excluded are the above  
5 chromosomes, libraries and preparations as a heterogeneous mixture separated by electrophoresis (including blot transfers of the same) wherein the polynucleotide of the invention have not been further separated from the heterologous polynucleotides in the electrophoresis transfer medium (e.g., further separating by excising a single band from a heterogeneous band population in an agarose gel or nylon blot). Likewise, heterogeneous mixtures of polypeptides separated by electrophoresis (including blot  
10 transfers of the same) wherein the polypeptides of the invention has not been further separated from the heterologous polypeptides in the electrophoresis transfer medium.

Thus, cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof which are present in cDNA libraries in which one or more cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof make up 5% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the backbone molecules are "enriched  
15 recombinant cDNAs" as defined herein. Likewise, cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof which are in a population of plasmids in which one or more cDNAs of the present invention have been inserted such that they represent 5% or more of the number of inserts in the plasmid backbone are "enriched recombinant cDNAs" as defined herein. However, cDNAs encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof which are in cDNA libraries in which the cDNAs  
20 encoding secreted polypeptides or fragments thereof constitute less than 5% of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of backbone molecules, such as libraries in which backbone molecules having a cDNA insert encoding a secreted polypeptide are extremely rare, are not "enriched recombinant cDNAs."

As used herein, the term "recombinant" means that the extended cDNA is adjacent to  
25 "backbone" nucleic acid to which it is not adjacent in its natural environment. Additionally, to be "enriched" the extended cDNAs will represent 5% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in a population of nucleic acid backbone molecules. Backbone molecules according to the present invention include nucleic acids such as expression vectors, self-replicating nucleic acids, viruses, integrating nucleic acids, and other vectors or nucleic acids used to maintain or manipulate a nucleic acid insert of  
30 interest. Preferably, the enriched extended cDNAs represent 15% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. More preferably, the enriched extended cDNAs represent 50% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules. In a highly preferred embodiment, the enriched extended cDNAs represent 90% or more of the number of nucleic acid inserts in the population of recombinant backbone molecules.  
35 "Stringent", "moderate," and "low" hybridization conditions are as defined in Example 29.

The term "polypeptide" refers to a polymer of amino acids without regard to the length of the polymer; thus, "peptides," "oligopeptides", and "proteins" are included within the definition of polypeptide and used interchangeably herein. This term also does not specify or exclude chemical or post-expression modifications of the polypeptides of the invention, although chemical or post-expression modifications of these polypeptides may be included or excluded as specific embodiments.

Therefore, for example, modifications to polypeptides that include the covalent attachment of glycosyl groups, acetyl groups, phosphate groups, lipid groups and the like are expressly encompassed by the term polypeptide. Further, polypeptides with these modifications may be specified as individual species to be included or excluded from the present invention. The natural or other chemical modifications, such as those listed in examples above can occur anywhere in a polypeptide, including the peptide backbone, the amino acid side-chains and the amino or carboxyl termini. It will be appreciated that the same type of modification may be present in the same or varying degrees at several sites in a given polypeptide. Also, a given polypeptide may contain many types of modifications. Polypeptides may be branched, for example, as a result of ubiquitination, and they may be cyclic, with or without branching. Modifications include acetylation, acylation, ADP-ribosylation, amidation, covalent attachment of flavin, covalent attachment of a heme moiety, covalent attachment of a nucleotide or nucleotide derivative, covalent attachment of a lipid or lipid derivative, covalent attachment of phosphatidylinositol, cross-linking, cyclization, disulfide bond formation, demethylation, formation of covalent cross-links, formation of cysteine, formation of pyroglutamate, formylation, gamma-carboxylation, glycosylation, GPI anchor formation, hydroxylation, iodination, methylation, myristoylation, oxidation, pegylation, proteolytic processing, phosphorylation, prenylation, racemization, selenoylation, sulfation, transfer-RNA mediated addition of amino acids to proteins such as arginylation, and ubiquitination. (See, for instance, PROTEINS - STRUCTURE AND MOLECULAR PROPERTIES, 2nd Ed., T. E. Creighton, W. H. Freeman and Company, New York (1993); POSTTRANSLATIONAL COVALENT MODIFICATION OF PROTEINS, B. C. Johnson, Ed., Academic Press, New York, pgs. 1-12, 1983; Seifter et al., Meth Enzymol 182:626-646, 1990; Rattan et al., Ann NY Acad Sci 663:48-62, 1992). Also included within the definition are polypeptides which contain one or more analogs of an amino acid (including, for example, non-naturally occurring amino acids, amino acids which only occur naturally in an unrelated biological system, modified amino acids from mammalian systems etc.), polypeptides with substituted linkages, as well as other modifications known in the art, both naturally occurring and non-naturally occurring. The term "polypeptide" may also be used interchangeably with the term "protein".

As used interchangeably herein, the terms "nucleic acid molecule", "oligonucleotides", and "polynucleotides" include RNA or, DNA (either single or double stranded, coding, non-coding, complementary or antisense), or RNA/DNA hybrid sequences of more than one nucleotide in either

single chain or duplex form (although each of the above species may be particularly specified). The term "nucleotide" as used herein as an adjective to describe molecules comprising RNA, DNA, or RNA/DNA hybrid sequences of any length in single-stranded or duplex form. The term "nucleotide" is also used herein as a noun to refer to individual nucleotides or varieties of nucleotides, meaning a molecule, or individual unit in a larger nucleic acid molecule, comprising a purine or pyrimidine, a ribose or deoxyribose sugar moiety, and a phosphate group, or phosphodiester linkage in the case of nucleotides within an oligonucleotide or polynucleotide. The term "nucleotide" is also used herein to encompass "modified nucleotides" which comprise at least one modifications (a) an alternative linking group, (b) an analogous form of purine, (c) an analogous form of pyrimidine, or (d) an analogous sugar; for examples of analogous linking groups, purine, pyrimidines, and sugars see for example PCT publication No. WO 95/04064. Preferred modifications of the present invention include, but are not limited to, 5-fluorouracil, 5-bromouracil, 5-chlorouracil, 5-iodouracil, hypoxanthine, xantine, 4-acetylcytosine, 5-(carboxyhydroxymethyl) uracil, 5-carboxymethylaminomethyl-2-thiouridine, 5-carboxymethylaminomethyluracil, dihydrouracil, beta-D-galactosylqueosine, inosine, N6-isopentenyladenine, 1-methylguanine, 1-methylinosine, 2,2-dimethylguanine, 2-methyladenine, 2-methylguanine, 3-methylcytosine, 5-methylcytosine, N6-adenine, 7-methylguanine, 5-methylaminomethyluracil, 5-methoxyaminomethyl-2-thiouracil, beta-D-mannosylqueosine, 5'-methoxycarboxymethyluracil, 5-methoxyuracil, 2-methylthio-N6-isopentenyladenine, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid (v) ybutoxosine, pseudouracil, queosine, 2-thiocytosine, 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 2-thiouracil, 4-thiouracil, 5-methyluracil, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid methylester, uracil-5-oxyacetic acid, 5-methyl-2-thiouracil, 3-(3-amino-3-N-2-carboxypropyl) uracil, and 2,6-diaminopurine. Methylenemethylimino linked oligonucleosides as well as mixed backbone compounds having, may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,378,825; 5,386,023; 5,489,677; 5,602,240; and 5,610,289. Formacetal and thioformacetal linked oligonucleosides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,264,562 and 5,264,564. Ethylene oxide linked oligonucleosides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,223,618. Phosphinate oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,508,270. Alkyl phosphonate oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. No. 4,469,863. 3'-Deoxy-3'-methylene phosphonate oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,610,289 or 5,625,050. Phosphoramidite oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,256,775 or U.S. Pat. No. 5,366,878. Alkylphosphonothioate oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in published PCT applications WO 94/17093 and WO 94/02499. 3'-Deoxy-3'-amino phosphoramidate oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,476,925. Phosphotriester oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. No. 5,023,243. Borano phosphate oligonucleotides may be prepared as described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 5,130,302 and 5,177,198.



In specific embodiments, the polynucleotides of the invention are less than or equal to 300kb, 200kb, 100kb, 50kb, 10kb, 7.5kb, 5kb, 2.5kb, 2kb, 1.5kb, or 1kb in length. In a further embodiment, polynucleotides of the invention comprise a portion of the coding sequences, as disclosed herein, but do not comprise all or a portion of any intron, or any specified intron (s). In another embodiment, the polynucleotides comprising coding sequences do not contain coding sequences of a genomic flanking gene (i.e., 5' or 3' to the gene of interest in the genome). In other embodiments, the polynucleotides of the invention do not contain the coding sequence of more than 1000, 500, 250, 100, 75, 50, 25, 20, 15, 10, 5, 4, 3, 2, or 1 genomic flanking or overlapping gene(s) (or heterologous ORFs).

The polynucleotide sequences of the invention may be prepared by any known method, including synthetic, recombinant, ex vivo generation, or a combination thereof, as well as utilizing any purification methods known in the art.

The terms "comprising", "consisting of" and "consisting essentially of" may be interchanged for one another throughout the instant application. The term "having" has the same meaning as "comprising" and may be replaced with either the term "consisting of" or "consisting essentially of".

"Stringent", "moderate," and "low" hybridization conditions are as defined below.

A sequence which is "operably linked" to a regulatory sequence such as a promoter means that said regulatory element is in the correct location and orientation in relation to the nucleic acid to control RNA polymerase initiation and expression of the nucleic acid of interest. As used herein, the term "operably linked" refers to a linkage of polynucleotide elements in a functional relationship. For instance, a promoter or enhancer is operably linked to a coding sequence if it affects the transcription of the coding sequence.

The terms "base paired" and "Watson & Crick base paired" are used interchangeably herein to refer to nucleotides which can be hydrogen bonded to one another by virtue of their sequence identities in a manner like that found in double-helical DNA with thymine or uracil residues linked to adenine residues by two hydrogen bonds and cytosine and guanine residues linked by three hydrogen bonds (See Stryer, L., Biochemistry, 4<sup>th</sup> edition, 1995).

The terms "complementary" or "complement thereof" are used herein to refer to the sequences of polynucleotides which are capable of forming Watson & Crick base pairing with another specified polynucleotide throughout the entirety of the complementary region. For the purpose of the present invention, a first polynucleotide is deemed to be complementary to a second polynucleotide when each base in the first polynucleotide is paired with its complementary base. Complementary bases are, generally, A and T (or A and U), or C and G. "Complement" is used herein as a synonym from "complementary polynucleotide," "complementary nucleic acid" and "complementary nucleotide sequence". These terms are applied to pairs of polynucleotides based solely upon their sequences and not any particular set of conditions under which the two

polynucleotides would actually bind. Preferably, a "complementary" sequence is a sequence which an A at each position where there is a T on the opposite strand, a T at each position where there is an A on the opposite strand, a G at each position where there is a C on the opposite strand and a C at each position where there is a G on the opposite strand.

5 The term "allele" is used herein to refer to variants of a nucleotide sequence. A biallelic polymorphism has two forms. Diploid organisms may be homozygous or heterozygous for an allelic form. Unless otherwise specified, the polynucleotides of the present invention encompass all allelic variants of the disclosed polynucleotides.

10 The term "upstream" is used herein to refer to a location that is toward the 5' end of the polynucleotide from a specific reference point.

As used herein, the term "non-human animal" refers to any non-human vertebrate animal, including insects, birds, rodents and more usually mammals. Preferred non-human animals include: primates; farm animals such as swine, goats, sheep, donkeys, cattle, horses, chickens, rabbits; and rodents, more preferably rats or mice. As used herein, the term "animal" is used to refer to any species in the animal kingdom, preferably vertebrates, including birds and fish, and more preferable a mammal. Both the terms "animal" and "mammal" expressly embrace human subjects unless preceded with the term "non-human".

15 The terms "vertebrate nucleic acid" and "vertebrate polypeptide" are used herein to refer to any nucleic acid or polypeptide respectively which are derived from a vertebrate species including birds and more usually mammals, preferably primates such as humans, farm animals such as swine, goats, sheep, donkeys, and horses, rabbits or rodents, more preferably rats or mice. As used herein, the term "vertebrate" is used to refer to any vertebrate, preferably a mammal. The term "vertebrate" expressly embraces human subjects unless preceded with the term "non-human"

"Stringent", "moderate," and "low" hybridization conditions are as defined below.

25 The term "capable of hybridizing to the polyA tail of said mRNA" refers to and embraces all primers containing stretches of thymidine residues, so-called oligo(dT) primers, that hybridize to the 3' end of eukaryotic poly(A)+ mRNAs to prime the synthesis of a first cDNA strand. Techniques for generating said oligo(dT) primers and hybridizing them to mRNA to subsequently prime the reverse transcription of said hybridized mRNA to generate a first cDNA strand are well known to those skilled in the art and are described in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley and Sons, Inc. 1997 and Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, 1989, the entire disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference. Preferably, said oligo(dT) primers are present in a large excess in order to allow the hybridization of all mRNA 3'ends to at least one oligo(dT) molecule. The priming and reverse transcription step are preferably performed between 37°C and 55°C depending on the type of reverse transcriptase used.

Preferred oligo(dT) primers for priming reverse transcription of mRNAs are oligonucleotides containing a stretch of thymidine residues of sufficient length to hybridize specifically to the polyA tail of mRNAs, preferably of 12 to 18 thymidine residues in length. More preferably, such oligo(T) primers comprise an additional sequence upstream of the poly(dT) stretch in order to allow the addition of a given sequence to the 5' end of all first cDNA strands which may then be used to facilitate subsequent manipulation of the cDNA. Preferably, this added sequence is 8 to 60 residues in length. For instance, the addition of a restriction site in 5' of cDNAs facilitates subcloning of the obtained cDNA. Alternatively, such an added 5' end may also be used to design primers of PCR to specifically amplify cDNA clones of interest.

In particular, the some sequences of the present invention relate to cDNAs which were derived from genes encoding secreted proteins. As used herein, a "secreted" protein is one which, when expressed in a suitable host cell, is transported across or through a membrane, including transport as a result of signal peptides in its amino acid sequence. "Secreted" proteins include without limitation proteins secreted wholly (e.g. soluble proteins), or partially (e.g. receptors) from the cell in which they are expressed. "Secreted" proteins also include without limitation proteins which are transported across the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum.

cDNAs encoding secreted proteins may include nucleic acid sequences, called signal sequences, which encode signal peptides which direct the extracellular secretion of the proteins encoded by the cDNAs. Generally, the signal peptides are located at the amino termini of secreted proteins. Polypeptides comprising these signal peptides (as delineated in the sequence listing), and polynucleotides encoding the same, are preferred embodiments of the present invention.

Secreted proteins are translated by ribosomes associated with the "rough" endoplasmic reticulum. Generally, secreted proteins are co-translationally transferred to the membrane of the endoplasmic reticulum. Association of the ribosome with the endoplasmic reticulum during translation of secreted proteins is mediated by the signal peptide. The signal peptide is typically cleaved following its co-translational entry into the endoplasmic reticulum. After delivery to the endoplasmic reticulum, secreted proteins may proceed through the Golgi apparatus. In the Golgi apparatus, the proteins may undergo post-translational modification before entering secretory vesicles which transport them across the cell membrane.

The cDNAs of the present invention have several important applications. For example, they may be used to express the entire secreted protein which they encode. Alternatively, they may be used to express fragments of the secreted protein. The fragments may comprise the signal peptides encoded by the cDNAs or the mature proteins encoded by the cDNAs (i.e. the proteins generated when the signal peptide is cleaved off). The cDNAs and fragments thereof also have important applications as polynucleotides. For example, the cDNAs of the sequence listing and fragments

thereof, may be used to distinguish human tissues/cells from non-human tissues/cells and to distinguish between human tissues/cells that do and do not express the polynucleotides comprising the cDNAs. By knowing the tissue expression pattern of the cDNAs, either through routine experimentation or by using the instant disclosure, the polynucleotides of the present invention may be used in methods of

5 determining the identity of an unknown tissue/cell sample. As part of determining the identity of an unknown tissue/cell sample, the polynucleotides of the present invention may be used to determine what the unknown tissue/cell sample is and what the unknown sample is not. For example, if a cDNA is expressed in a particular tissue/cell type, and the unknown tissue/cell sample does not express the cDNA, it may be inferred that the unknown tissue/cells are either not human or not the same human

10 tissue/cell type as that which expresses the cDNA. These methods of determining tissue/cell identity are based on methods which detect the presence or absence of the mRNA (or corresponding cDNA) in a tissue/cell sample using methods well know in the art (e.g., hybridization or PCR based methods).

In other useful applications, fragments of the cDNAs encoding signal peptides as well as degenerate polynucleotides encoding the same, may be ligated to sequences encoding either the

15 polypeptide from the same gene or to sequences encoding a heterologous polypeptide to facilitate secretion.

Antibodies which specifically recognize the entire secreted proteins encoded by the cDNAs or fragments thereof having at least 6 consecutive amino acids, 8 consecutive amino acids, 10 consecutive amino acids, at least 15 consecutive amino acids, at least 25 consecutive amino acids, or

20 at least 40 consecutive amino acids may also be obtained as described below. Antibodies which specifically recognize the mature protein generated when the signal peptide is cleaved may also be obtained as described below. Similarly, antibodies which specifically recognize the signal peptides encoded by the cDNAs may also be obtained.

In some embodiments, the cDNAs include the signal sequence. In other embodiments, the

25 cDNAs may include the full coding sequence for the mature protein (i.e. the protein generated when the signal polypeptide is cleaved off). In addition, the cDNAs may include regulatory regions upstream of the translation start site or downstream of the stop codon which control the amount, location, or developmental stage of gene expression. As discussed above, secreted proteins are therapeutically important. Thus, the proteins expressed from the cDNAs may be useful in treating or

30 controlling a variety of human conditions. The cDNAs may also be used to obtain the corresponding genomic DNA. The term "corresponding genomic DNA" refers to the genomic DNA which encodes mRNA which includes the sequence of one of the strands of the cDNA in which thymidine residues in the sequence of the cDNA are replaced by uracil residues in the mRNA.

The cDNAs or genomic DNAs obtained therefrom may be used in forensic procedures to

35 identify individuals or in diagnostic procedures to identify individuals having genetic diseases

resulting from abnormal expression of the genes corresponding to the cDNAs. In addition, the present invention is useful for constructing a high resolution map of the human chromosomes.

The present invention also relates to secretion vectors capable of directing the secretion of a protein of interest. Such vectors may be used in gene therapy strategies in which it is desired to produce a gene product in one cell which is to be delivered to another location in the body. Secretion vectors may also facilitate the purification of desired proteins.

The present invention also relates to expression vectors capable of directing the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial or temporal manner or at a desired level. Such vectors may include sequences upstream of the cDNAs such as promoters or upstream regulatory sequences.

In addition, the present invention may also be used for gene therapy to control or treat genetic diseases. Signal peptides may also be fused to heterologous proteins to direct their extracellular secretion.

One embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or a sequence complementary thereto, allelic variants thereof, and degenerate variants thereof. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising at least 8 consecutive bases of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, 228 or one of the sequences complementary thereto, allelic variants thereof, and degenerate variants thereof. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid comprises at least 10, 12, 15, 18, 20, 25, 28, 30, 35, 40, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200, 300, 400, 500, 1000 or 2000 consecutive bases of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, 228 or one of the sequences complementary thereto, allelic variants thereof, and degenerate variants thereof. The nucleic acid may be a recombinant nucleic acid. In addition to the above preferred nucleic acid sizes, further preferred sub-genuses of nucleic acids comprise at least 8 nucleotides, wherein "at least 8" is defined as any integer between 8 and the integer representing the 3' most nucleotide position as set forth in the sequence listing or elsewhere herein. Further included as preferred polynucleotides of the present invention are nucleic acid fragments at least 8 nucleotides in length, as described above, that are further specified in terms of their 5' and 3' position. The 5' and 3' positions are represented by the position numbers set forth in the sequence listing below. For allelic degenerate variants and cDNAs deposits, position 1 is defined as the 5' most nucleotide of the ORF, i.e., the nucleotide "A" of the start codon with the remaining nucleotides numbered consecutively. Therefore, every combination of a 5' and 3' nucleotide position that a polynucleotide fragment of the present invention, at least 8 contiguous nucleotides in length, could occupy is included in the invention as an individual specie. The polynucleotide fragments specified by 5' and 3' positions can be immediately envisaged and are therefore not individually listed solely for the

purpose of not unnecessarily lengthening the specification.

It is noted that the above species of polynucleotide fragments of the present invention may alternatively be described by the formula "x to y"; where "x" equals the 5' most nucleotide position and "y" equals the 3' most nucleotide position of the polynucleotide; and further where "x" equals an integer between 1 and the number of nucleotides of the polynucleotide sequence of the present invention minus 8, and where "y" equals an integer between 9 and the number of nucleotides of the polynucleotide sequence of the present invention; and where "x" is an integer smaller than "y" by at least 8.

The present invention also provides for the exclusion of any species of polynucleotide fragments of the present invention specified by 5' and 3' positions or sub-genuses of polynucleotides specified by size in nucleotides as described above. Any number of fragments specified by 5' and 3' positions or by size in nucleotides, as described above, may be excluded from the present invention.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a vertebrate purified or isolated nucleic acid of at least 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 28, 30, 35, 40, 50, 75, 100, 200, 300, 500 or 1000 nucleotides in length which hybridizes under stringent conditions to the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, 228 or a sequence complementary to one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the full coding sequences of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180, 228 or an allelic variant thereof, wherein the full coding sequence optionally comprises the sequence encoding signal peptide as well as the sequence encoding mature protein. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

A further embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or an allelic variant thereof which encode a mature protein. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant. In another aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is an expression vector wherein said nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or an allelic variant thereof which encode a mature protein, are operably linked to a promoter.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or an allelic variant thereof, which encode the signal peptide. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant. In another aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is a fusion vector wherein said nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or an allelic variant thereof which encode the signal peptide, are operably linked to a second nucleic acid encoding an heterologous polypeptide.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a

polypeptide comprising the sequence of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229, or allelic variant thereof. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising the sequence of a mature protein included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229, or allelic variant thereof. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising the sequence of a signal peptide included in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229, or allelic variant thereof. In one aspect of this embodiment, the nucleic acid is recombinant. In another aspect it is present in a vector of the invention.

Further embodiments of the invention include isolated polynucleotides that comprise, a nucleotide sequence at least 70% identical, more preferably at least 75% identical, and still more preferably at least 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical to any of the polynucleotides of the present invention. Methods of determining identity include those well known in the art and described herein.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated protein comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229, or allelic variant thereof.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated polypeptide comprising at least 5 or 8 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229. In one aspect of this embodiment, the purified or isolated polypeptide comprises at least 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 75, 100, 150 or 200 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229.

In addition to the above polypeptide fragments, further preferred sub-genuses of polypeptides comprise at least 8 amino acids, wherein "at least 8" is defined as any integer between 8 and the integer representing the C-terminal amino acid of the polypeptide of the present invention including the polypeptide sequences of the sequence listing below. Further included are species of polypeptide fragments at least 8 amino acids in length, as described above, that are further specified in terms of their N-terminal and C-terminal positions. Preferred species of polypeptide fragments specified by their N-terminal and C-terminal positions include the signal peptides delineated in the sequence listing below. However, included in the present invention as individual species are all polypeptide fragments, at least 8 amino acids in length, as described above, and may be particularly specified by a N-terminal and C-terminal position. That is, every combination of a N-terminal and C-terminal position that a fragment at least 8 contiguous amino acid residues in length could occupy, on any given amino acid sequence of the sequence listing or of the present invention is included in the present invention

The present invention also provides for the exclusion of any fragment species specified by N-terminal and C-terminal positions or of any fragment sub-genus specified by size in amino acid residues as described above. Any number of fragments specified by N-terminal and C-terminal positions or by size in amino acid residues as described above may be excluded as individual species.

5 The above polypeptide fragments of the present invention can be immediately envisaged using the above description and are therefore not individually listed solely for the purpose of not unnecessarily lengthening the specification. Moreover, the above fragments need not be active since they would be useful, for example, in immunoassays, in epitope mapping, epitope tagging, as vaccines, and as molecular weight markers. The above fragments may also be used to generate  
10 antibodies to a particular portion of the polypeptide. These antibodies can then be used in immunoassays well known in the art to detect the full length nature, and other forms in a biological sample or to distinguish between human and non-human cells and tissues or to determine whether cells or tissues in a biological sample are or are not of the same type which express the polypeptide of the present invention. Preferred polypeptide fragments of the present invention comprising a signal  
15 peptide may be used to facilitate secretion of either the polypeptide of the same gene or a heterologous polypeptide using methods well known in the art.

Another embodiment of the present invention is an isolated or purified polypeptide comprising a signal peptide of one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is an isolated or purified polypeptide  
20 comprising a mature protein of one of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229.

Yet another embodiment of the present invention is an isolated or purified polypeptide comprising a full length polypeptide, mature protein, or signal peptide encoded by an allelic variant of the polynucleotides of the present invention.

A further embodiment of the present invention are polypeptides having an amino acid sequence  
25 with at least 70% similarity, and more preferably at least 75%, 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% similarity to a polypeptide of the present invention, as well as polypeptides having an amino acid sequence at least 70% identical, more preferably at least 75% identical, and still more preferably 80%, 85%, 90%, 95%, 96%, 97%, 98%, or 99% identical to a polypeptide of the present  
30 invention. Further included in the invention are isolated nucleic acid molecules encoding such polypeptides. Methods for determining identity include those well known in the art and described herein.

A further embodiment of the present invention is a method of making a protein comprising one of the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 181-227 or 229, comprising the steps of obtaining a cDNA comprising one of the sequences of sequence of SEQ ID NO: 134-180 or 228, inserting the cDNA in  
35 an expression vector such that the cDNA is operably linked to a promoter, and introducing the



expression vector into a host cell whereby the host cell produces the protein encoded by said cDNA. In one aspect of this embodiment, the method further comprises the step of isolating the protein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a protein obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph.

5 Another embodiment of the present invention is a method of making a protein comprising the amino acid sequence of the mature protein contained in one of the sequences of SEQ ID NO: 181-227 or 229, comprising the steps of obtaining a cDNA comprising one of the nucleotides sequence of sequence of SEQ ID NO: 134-180 or 228 which encode for the mature protein, inserting the cDNA in an expression vector such that the cDNA is operably linked to a promoter, and introducing the  
10 expression vector into a host cell whereby the host cell produces the mature protein encoded by the cDNA. In one aspect of this embodiment, the method further comprises the step of isolating the protein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a mature protein obtainable by the method described in the preceding paragraph.

15 Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228 or a sequence complementary thereto described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the full coding sequences of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, wherein  
20 the full coding sequence comprises the sequence encoding the signal peptide and the sequence encoding the mature protein described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228 which encode a mature protein which are described herein.

25 Another embodiment of the present invention is a host cell containing the purified or isolated nucleic acids comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228 which encode the signal peptide which are described herein.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a purified or isolated antibody capable of specifically binding to a protein comprising the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229. In  
30 one aspect of this embodiment, the antibody is capable of binding to a polypeptide comprising at least 6 consecutive amino acids, at least 8 consecutive amino acids, or at least 10 consecutive amino acids of the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 or 229.

Another embodiment of the present invention is an array of cDNAs or fragments thereof of at least 15 nucleotides in length which includes at least one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180  
35 or 228, or one of the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or

a fragment thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides. In one aspect of this embodiment, the array includes at least two of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or fragments thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides. In another aspect of this embodiment, the array includes at least five of the sequences of  
5 SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, the sequences complementary to the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 or 228, or fragments thereof of at least 15 consecutive nucleotides.

A further embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polynucleotides comprising an insert from a clone deposited in ATCC accession No. 98619 or a fragment thereof comprising a contiguous span of at least 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 40, 60, 100, or 200 nucleotides of said insert. An  
10 additional embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polypeptides which comprise, consist of, or consist essentially of an amino acid sequence encoded by the insert from a clone deposited in ATCC accession No. 98619, as well as polypeptides which comprise a fragment of said amino acid sequence consisting of a signal peptide, a mature protein, or a contiguous span of at least 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 40, 60, 100, or 200 amino acids encoded by said insert.

15 An additional embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polypeptides which comprise, consist of, or consist essentially of an amino acid sequence encoded by the insert from a clone deposited in an ATCC deposit, which contains the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 25-40 and 42-46, having an accession No. 99061735 and named SignalTag 15061999 or deposited in an ATCC deposit having an accession No. 98121805 and named SignalTag 166-191, which contains SEQ ID NOs.: 47-73,  
20 as well as polypeptides which comprise a fragment of said amino acid sequence consisting of a signal peptide, a mature protein, or a contiguous span of at least 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 75, 100, 150 or 200 amino acids encoded by said insert.

An additional embodiment of the invention encompasses purified polypeptides which comprise a contiguous span of at least 5, 8, 10, 12, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 50, 60, 75, 100, 150 or 200  
25 amino acids of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227, wherein said contiguous span comprises at least one of the amino acid positions which was not shown to be identical to a public sequence in the instant application. Also encompassed by the invention are purified polynucleotides encoding said polypeptides.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a computer readable medium having stored  
30 thereon a sequence selected from the group consisting of a cDNA code of SEQID NOs. 134-180 or 228 and a polypeptide code of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or 229.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a computer system comprising a processor and a data storage device wherein the data storage device has stored thereon a sequence selected from the group consisting of a cDNA code of SEQID NOs. 134-180 or 228 and a polypeptide code of SEQ  
35 ID NOs. 181-227 or 229. In some embodiments the computer system further comprises a sequence

comparer and a data storage device having reference sequences stored thereon. For example, the sequence comparer may comprise a computer program which indicates polymorphisms. In other aspects of the computer system, the system further comprises an identifier which identifies features in said sequence.

5 Another embodiment of the present invention is a method for comparing a first sequence to a reference sequence wherein the first sequence is selected from the group consisting of a cDNA code of SEQID NOs. 134-180 or 228 and a polypeptide code of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or 229 comprising the steps of reading the first sequence and the reference sequence through use of a computer program which compares sequences and determining differences between the first sequence and the reference  
10 sequence with the computer program. In some aspects of this embodiment, said step of determining differences between the first sequence and the reference sequence comprises identifying polymorphisms.

Another aspect of the present invention is a method for determining the level of identity between a first sequence and a reference sequence, wherein the first sequence is selected from the  
15 group consisting of a cDNA code of SEQID NOs. 134-180 or 228 and a polypeptide code of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or 229, comprising the steps of reading the first sequence and the reference sequence through the use of a computer program which determines identity levels and determining identity between the first sequence and the reference sequence with the computer program.

Another embodiment of the present invention is a method for identifying a feature in a  
20 sequence selected from the group consisting of a cDNA code of SEQID NOs. 134-180 or 228 and a polypeptide code of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or 229 comprising the steps of reading the sequence through the use of a computer program which identifies features in sequences and identifying features in the sequence with said computer program. In one aspect of this embodiment, the computer program comprises a computer program which identifies open reading frames. In a further  
25 embodiment, the computer program comprises a program that identifies linear or structural motifs in a polypeptide sequence.

#### Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a summary of a procedure for obtaining cDNAs which have been selected to include  
30 the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they are derived.

Figure 2 is an analysis of the 43 amino terminal amino acids of all human SwissProt proteins to determine the frequency of false positives and false negatives using the techniques for signal peptide identification described herein.

Figure 3 shows the distribution of von Heijne scores for 5' ESTs in each of the categories  
35 described herein and the probability that these 5' ESTs encode a signal peptide.



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Figure 4 shows the distribution of 5' ESTs in each category and the number of 5' ESTs in each category having a given minimum von Heijne's score.

Figure 5 shows the tissues from which the mRNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs in each of the categories described herein were obtained.

Figure 6 is a map of pED6dpc2.

Figure 7 provides a schematic description of the promoters isolated and the way they are assembled with the corresponding 5' tags.

Figure 8 describes the transcription factor binding sites present in each of these promoters.

## Detailed Description of the Preferred Embodiment

### I. Obtaining 5' ESTs

The present extended cDNAs were obtained using 5' ESTs which were isolated as described below.

#### A. Chemical Methods for Obtaining mRNAs having Intact 5' Ends

In order to obtain the 5' ESTs used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention, mRNAs having intact 5' ends must be obtained. Currently, there are two approaches for obtaining such mRNAs. One of these approaches is a chemical modification method involving derivatization of the 5' ends of the mRNAs and selection of the derivatized mRNAs. The 5' ends of eukaryotic mRNAs possess a structure referred to as a "cap" which comprises a guanosine methylated at the 7 position. The cap is joined to the first transcribed base of the mRNA by a 5', 5'-triphosphate bond. In some instances, the 5' guanosine is methylated in both the 2 and 7 positions. Rarely, the 5' guanosine is trimethylated at the 2, 7 and 7 positions. In the chemical method for obtaining mRNAs having intact 5' ends, the 5' cap is specifically derivatized and coupled to a reactive group on an immobilizing substrate. This specific derivatization is based on the fact that only the ribose linked to the methylated guanosine at the 5' end of the mRNA and the ribose linked to the base at the 3' terminus of the mRNA, possess 2', 3'-cis diols. Optionally, where the 3' terminal ribose has a 2', 3'-cis diol, the 2', 3'-cis diol at the 3' end may be chemically modified, substituted, converted, or eliminated, leaving only the ribose linked to the methylated guanosine at the 5' end of the mRNA with a 2', 3'-cis diol. A variety of techniques are available for eliminating the 2', 3'-cis diol on the 3' terminal ribose. For example, controlled alkaline hydrolysis may be used to generate mRNA fragments in which the 3' terminal ribose is a 3'-phosphate, 2'-phosphate or (2', 3')-cyclophosphate. Thereafter, the fragment which includes the original 3' ribose may be eliminated from the mixture through chromatography on an oligo-dT column. Alternatively, a base which lacks the 2', 3'-cis diol may be added to the 3' end of the mRNA using an RNA ligase such as T4 RNA ligase. Example 1 below describes a method for ligation of pCp to the 3' end of messenger RNA.

## EXAMPLE 1

### Ligation of the Nucleoside Diphosphate pCp to the 3' End of Messenger RNA.

1 µg of RNA was incubated in a final reaction medium of 10 µl in the presence of 5 U of T<sub>4</sub> phage RNA  
ligase in the buffer provided by the manufacturer (Gibco - BRL), 40 U of the RNase inhibitor RNasin  
(Promega) and, 2 µl of <sup>32</sup>pCp (Amersham #PB 10208). The incubation was performed at 37°C for 2  
hours or overnight at 7-8°C.

Following modification or elimination of the 2', 3'-cis diol at the 3' ribose, the 2', 3'-cis diol  
present at the 5' end of the mRNA may be oxidized using reagents such as NaBH<sub>4</sub>, NaBH<sub>3</sub>CN, or  
sodium periodate, thereby converting the 2', 3'-cis diol to a dialdehyde. Example 2 describes the  
oxidation of the 2', 3'-cis diol at the 5' end of the mRNA with sodium periodate.

## EXAMPLE 2

### Oxidation of 2', 3'-cis diol at the 5' End of the mRNA

0.1 OD unit of either a capped oligoribonucleotide of 47 nucleotides (including the cap) or an  
uncapped oligoribonucleotide of 46 nucleotides were treated as follows. The oligoribonucleotides were  
produced by in vitro transcription using the transcription kit "AmpliScribe T7" (Epicentre  
Technologies). As indicated below, the DNA template for the RNA transcript contained a single  
cytosine. To synthesize the uncapped RNA, all four NTPs were included in the in vitro transcription  
reaction. To obtain the capped RNA, GTP was replaced by an analogue of the cap, m<sup>7</sup>G(5')ppp(5')G.  
This compound, recognized by polymerase, was incorporated into the 5' end of the nascent transcript  
during the step of initiation of transcription but was not capable of incorporation during the extension  
step. Consequently, the resulting RNA contained a cap at its 5' end. The sequences of the  
oligoribonucleotides produced by the in vitro transcription reaction were:

+Cap:

5'm<sup>7</sup>GpppGCAUCCUACUCCCAUCCAAUCCACCCUAACUCCUCCCAUCUCCAC-3' (SEQ ID  
NO:1)

-Cap:

5'-pppGCAUCCUACUCCCAUCCAAUCCACCCGUAACUCCUCCCAUCUCCAC-3' (SEQ ID  
NO:2)

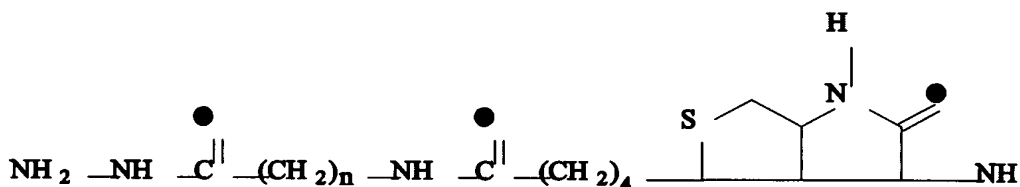
The oligoribonucleotides were dissolved in 9 µl of acetate buffer (0.1 M sodium acetate, pH  
5.2) and 3 µl of freshly prepared 0.1 M sodium periodate solution. The mixture was incubated for 1 hour  
in the dark at 4°C or room temperature. Thereafter, the reaction was stopped by adding 4 µl of 10%  
ethylene glycol. The product was ethanol precipitated, resuspended in 10 µl or more of water or  
appropriate buffer and dialyzed against water.

The resulting aldehyde groups may then be coupled to molecules having a reactive amine group, such as hydrazine, carbazide, thiocarbazide or semicarbazide groups, in order to facilitate enrichment of the 5' ends of the mRNAs. Molecules having reactive amine groups which are suitable for use in selecting mRNAs having intact 5' ends include avidin, proteins, antibodies, vitamins, ligands capable of specifically binding to receptor molecules, or oligonucleotides. Example 3 below describes the coupling of the resulting dialdehyde to biotin.

### EXAMPLE 3

#### Coupling of the Dialdehyde with Biotin

The oxidation product obtained in Example 2 was dissolved in 50  $\mu$ l of sodium acetate at a pH of between 5 and 5.2 and 50  $\mu$ l of freshly prepared 0.02 M solution of biotin hydrazide in a methoxyethanol/water mixture (1:1) of formula:



In the compound used in these experiments, n=5, and the solid black dots represent oxygen. However, it will be appreciated that other commercially available hydrazides may also be used, such as molecules of the formula above in which n varies from 0 to 5.

The mixture was then incubated for 2 hours at 37°C. Following the incubation, the mixture was precipitated with ethanol and dialyzed against distilled water.

Example 4 demonstrates the specificity of the biotinylation reaction.

### EXAMPLE 4

#### Specificity of Biotinylation

The specificity of the biotinylation for capped mRNAs was evaluated by gel electrophoresis of the following samples:

Sample 1. The 46 nucleotide uncapped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2 and labeled with <sup>32</sup>pCp as described in Example 1.

Sample 2. The 46 nucleotide uncapped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2, labeled with <sup>32</sup>pCp as described in Example 1, treated with the oxidation reaction of Example 2, and subjected

to the biotinylation conditions of Example 3.

Sample 3. The 47 nucleotide capped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2 and labeled with  $^{32}\text{pCp}$  as described in Example 1.

Sample 4. The 47 nucleotide capped in vitro transcript prepared as in Example 2, labeled with  $^{32}\text{pCp}$  as described in Example 1, treated with the oxidation reaction of Example 2, and subjected to the biotinylation conditions of Example 3.

Samples 1 and 2 had identical migration rates, demonstrating that the uncapped RNAs were not oxidized and biotinylated. Sample 3 migrated more slowly than Samples 1 and 2, while Sample 4 exhibited the slowest migration. The difference in migration of the RNAs in Samples 3 and 4 demonstrates that the capped RNAs were specifically biotinylated.

In some cases, mRNAs having intact 5' ends may be enriched by binding the molecule containing a reactive amine group to a suitable solid phase substrate such as the inside of the vessel containing the mRNAs, magnetic beads, chromatography matrices, or nylon or nitrocellulose membranes. For example, where the molecule having a reactive amine group is biotin, the solid phase substrate may be coupled to avidin or streptavidin. Alternatively, where the molecule having the reactive amine group is an antibody or receptor ligand, the solid phase substrate may be coupled to the cognate antigen or receptor. Finally, where the molecule having a reactive amine group comprises an oligonucleotide, the solid phase substrate may comprise a complementary oligonucleotide.

The mRNAs having intact 5' ends may be released from the solid phase following the enrichment procedure. For example, where the dialdehyde is coupled to biotin hydrazide and the solid phase comprises streptavidin, the mRNAs may be released from the solid phase by simply heating to 95 degrees Celsius in 2% SDS. In some methods, the molecule having a reactive amine group may also be cleaved from the mRNAs having intact 5' ends following enrichment. Example 5 describes the capture of biotinylated mRNAs with streptavidin coated beads and the release of the biotinylated mRNAs from the beads following enrichment.

## EXAMPLE 5

### Capture and Release of Biotinylated mRNAs Using Streptavidin Coated Beads

The streptavidin-coated magnetic beads were prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions (CPG Inc., USA). The biotinylated mRNAs were added to a hybridization buffer (1.5 M NaCl, pH 5 - 6). After incubating for 30 minutes, the unbound and nonbiotinylated material was removed. The beads were washed several times in water with 1% SDS. The beads obtained were incubated for 15 minutes at 95°C in water containing 2% SDS.

Example 6 demonstrates the efficiency with which biotinylated mRNAs were recovered from the streptavidin coated beads.

## EXAMPLE 6

### Efficiency of Recovery of Biotinylated mRNAs

The efficiency of the recovery procedure was evaluated as follows. RNAs were labeled with <sup>32</sup>pCp, oxidized, biotinylated and bound to streptavidin coated beads as described above. Subsequently, the bound RNAs were incubated for 5, 15 or 30 minutes at 95°C in the presence of 2% SDS.

The products of the reaction were analyzed by electrophoresis on 12% polyacrylamide gels under denaturing conditions (7 M urea). The gels were subjected to autoradiography. During this manipulation, the hydrazone bonds were not reduced.

Increasing amounts of nucleic acids were recovered as incubation times in 2% SDS increased, demonstrating that biotinylated mRNAs were efficiently recovered.

In an alternative method for obtaining mRNAs having intact 5' ends, an oligonucleotide which has been derivatized to contain a reactive amine group is specifically coupled to mRNAs having an intact cap. Preferably, the 3' end of the mRNA is blocked prior to the step in which the aldehyde groups are joined to the derivatized oligonucleotide, as described above, so as to prevent the derivatized oligonucleotide from being joined to the 3' end of the mRNA. For example, pCp may be attached to the 3' end of the mRNA using T4 RNA ligase. However, as discussed above, blocking the 3' end of the mRNA is an optional step. Derivatized oligonucleotides may be prepared as described below in Example 7.

## EXAMPLE 7

### Derivatization of the Oligonucleotide

An oligonucleotide phosphorylated at its 3' end was converted to a 3' hydrazide in 3' by treatment with an aqueous solution of hydrazine or of dihydrazide of the formula H<sub>2</sub>N(R1)NH<sub>2</sub> at about 1 to 3 M, and at pH 4.5, in the presence of a carbodiimide type agent soluble in water such as 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide at a final concentration of 0.3 M at a temperature of 8°C overnight.

The derivatized oligonucleotide was then separated from the other agents and products using a standard technique for isolating oligonucleotides.

As discussed above, the mRNAs to be enriched may be treated to eliminate the 3' OH groups which may be present thereon. This may be accomplished by enzymatic ligation of sequences lacking a 3' OH, such as pCp, as described above in Example 1. Alternatively, the 3' OH groups may be eliminated by alkaline hydrolysis as described in Example 8 below.

## EXAMPLE 8



### Alkaline Hydrolysis of mRNA

The mRNAs may be treated with alkaline hydrolysis as follows. In a total volume of 100 $\mu$ l of 0.1N sodium hydroxide, 1.5 $\mu$ g mRNA is incubated for 40 to 60 minutes at 4°C. The solution is neutralized with acetic acid and precipitated with ethanol.

Following the optional elimination of the 3' OH groups, the diol groups at the 5' ends of the mRNAs are oxidized as described below in Example 9.

### EXAMPLE 9

#### Oxidation of Diols

Up to 1 OD unit of RNA was dissolved in 9  $\mu$ l of buffer (0.1 M sodium acetate, pH 6-7 or water) and 3  $\mu$ l of freshly prepared 0.1 M sodium periodate solution. The reaction was incubated for 1 h in the dark at 4°C or room temperature. Following the incubation, the reaction was stopped by adding 4  $\mu$ l of 10% ethylene glycol. Thereafter the mixture was incubated at room temperature for 15 minutes. After ethanol precipitation, the product was resuspended in 10 $\mu$ l or more of water or appropriate buffer and dialyzed against water.

Following oxidation of the diol groups at the 5' ends of the mRNAs, the derivatized oligonucleotide was joined to the resulting aldehydes as described in Example 10.

### EXAMPLE 10

#### Reaction of Aldehydes with Derivatized Oligonucleotides

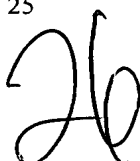
The oxidized mRNA was dissolved in an acidic medium such as 50  $\mu$ l of sodium acetate pH 4-6. 50  $\mu$ l of a solution of the derivatized oligonucleotide was added such that an mRNA:derivatized oligonucleotide ratio of 1:20 was obtained and mixture was reduced with a borohydride. The mixture was allowed to incubate for 2 h at 37°C or overnight (14 h) at 10°C. The mixture was ethanol precipitated, resuspended in 10 $\mu$ l or more of water or appropriate buffer and dialyzed against distilled water. If desired, the resulting product may be analyzed using acrylamide gel electrophoresis, HPLC analysis, or other conventional techniques.

Following the attachment of the derivatized oligonucleotide to the mRNAs, a reverse transcription reaction may be performed as described in Example 11 below.

### EXAMPLE 11

#### Reverse Transcription of mRNAs

An oligodeoxyribonucleotide was derivatized as follows. 3 OD units of an oligodeoxyribonucleotide of sequence ATCAAGAATTCGCACGAGACCATTA (SEQ ID NO:3) having 5'-OH and 3'-P ends were dissolved in 70  $\mu$ l of a 1.5 M hydroxybenzotriazole solution, pH 5.3,



prepared in dimethylformamide/water (75:25) containing 2 µg of 1-ethyl-3-(3-dimethylaminopropyl)carbodiimide. The mixture was incubated for 2 h 30 min at 22°C. The mixture was then precipitated twice in LiClO<sub>4</sub>/acetone. The pellet was resuspended in 200 µl of 0.25 M hydrazine and incubated at 8°C from 3 to 14 h. Following the hydrazine reaction, the mixture was precipitated twice in

5 LiClO<sub>4</sub>/acetone.

The messenger RNAs to be reverse transcribed were extracted from blocks of placenta having sides of 2 cm which had been stored at -80°C. The mRNA was extracted using conventional acidic phenol techniques. Oligo-dT chromatography was used to purify the mRNAs. The integrity of the mRNAs was checked by Northern-blotting.

10 The diol groups on 7 µg of the placental mRNAs were oxidized as described above in Example 9. The derivatized oligonucleotide was joined to the mRNAs as described in Example 10 above except that the precipitation step was replaced by an exclusion chromatography step to remove derivatized oligodeoxyribonucleotides which were not joined to mRNAs. Exclusion chromatography was performed as follows:

15 10 ml of AcA34 (BioSeptra#230151) gel were equilibrated in 50 ml of a solution of 10 mM Tris pH 8.0, 300 mM NaCl, 1 mM EDTA, and 0.05% SDS. The mixture was allowed to sediment. The supernatant was eliminated and the gel was resuspended in 50 ml of buffer. This procedure was repeated 2 or 3 times.

A glass bead (diameter 3 mm) was introduced into a 2 ml disposable pipette (length 25 cm).  
20 The pipette was filled with the gel suspension until the height of the gel stabilized at 1 cm from the top of the pipette. The column was then equilibrated with 20 ml of equilibration buffer (10 mM Tris HCl pH 7.4, 20 mM NaCl).

10 µl of the mRNA which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide were mixed in 39 µl of 10 mM urea and 2 µl of blue-glycerol buffer, which had been prepared by dissolving 5 mg of  
25 bromophenol blue in 60% glycerol (v/v), and passing the mixture through a filter with a filter of diameter 0.45 µm.

The column was loaded. As soon as the sample had penetrated, equilibration buffer was added. 100 µl fractions were collected. Derivatized oligonucleotide which had not been attached to mRNA appeared in fraction 16 and later fractions. Fractions 3 to 15 were combined and precipitated with  
30 ethanol.

The mRNAs which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide were spotted on a nylon membrane and hybridized to a radioactive probe using conventional techniques. The radioactive probe used in these hybridizations was an oligodeoxyribonucleotide of sequence TAATGGTCTCGTGCGAATTCTTGAT (SEQ ID NO:4) which was anticomplementary to the  
35 derivatized oligonucleotide and was labeled at its 5' end with <sup>32</sup>P. 1/10th of the mRNAs which had been

reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide was spotted in two spots on the membrane and the membrane was visualized by autoradiography after hybridization of the probe. A signal was observed, indicating that the derivatized oligonucleotide had been joined to the mRNA.

The remaining 9/10 of the mRNAs which had been reacted with the derivatized oligonucleotide was reverse transcribed as follows. A reverse transcription reaction was carried out with reverse transcriptase following the manufacturer's instructions. To prime the reaction, 50 pmol of nonamers with random sequence were used.

A portion of the resulting cDNA was spotted on a positively charged nylon membrane using conventional methods. The cDNAs were spotted on the membrane after the cDNA:RNA heteroduplexes had been subjected to an alkaline hydrolysis in order to eliminate the RNAs. An oligonucleotide having a sequence identical to that of the derivatized oligonucleotide was labeled at its 5' end with <sup>32</sup>P and hybridized to the cDNA blots using conventional techniques. Single-stranded cDNAs resulting from the reverse transcription reaction were spotted on the membrane. As controls, the blot contained 1 pmol, 100 fmol, 50 fmol, 10 fmol and 1 fmol respectively of a control oligodeoxyribonucleotide of sequence identical to that of the derivatized oligonucleotide. The signal observed in the spots containing the cDNA indicated that approximately 15 fmol of the derivatized oligonucleotide had been reverse transcribed.

These results demonstrate that the reverse transcription can be performed through the cap and, in particular, that reverse transcriptase crosses the 5'-P-P-P-5' bond of the cap of eukaryotic messenger RNAs.

The single stranded cDNAs obtained after the above first strand synthesis were used as template for PCR reactions. Two types of reactions were carried out. First, specific amplification of the mRNAs for the alpha globin, dehydrogenase, pp15 and elongation factor E4 were carried out using the following pairs of oligodeoxyribonucleotide primers.

alpha-globin

GLO-S: CCG ACA AGA CCA ACG TCA AGG CCG C (SEQ ID NO:5)

GLO-As: TCA CCA GCA GGC AGT GGC TTA GGA G 3' (SEQ ID NO:6)

dehydrogenase

3 DH-S: AGT GAT TCC TGC TAC TTT GGA TGG C (SEQ ID NO:7)

3 DH-As: GCT TGG TCT TGT TCT GGA GTT TAG A (SEQ ID NO:8)

pp15

PP15-S: TCC AGA ATG GGA GAC AAG CCA ATT T (SEQ ID NO:9)

PP15-As: AGG GAG GAG GAA ACA GCG TGA GTC C (SEQ ID NO:10)

Elongation factor E4

EFA1-S: ATG GGA AAG GAA AAG ACT CAT ATC A (SEQ ID NO:11)

EF1A-As: AGC AGC AAC AAT CAG GAC AGC ACA G (SEQ ID NO:12)

Non-specific amplifications were also carried out with the antisense (As) oligodeoxyribonucleotides of the pairs described above and a primer chosen from the sequence of the derivatized oligodeoxyribonucleotide (ATCAAGAATTCGCACGAGACCATTA) (SEQ ID NO:13).

5 A 1.5% agarose gel containing the following samples corresponding to the PCR products of reverse transcription was stained with ethidium bromide. (1/20th of the products of reverse transcription were used for each PCR reaction).

Sample 1: The products of a PCR reaction using the globin primers of SEQ ID NOs 5 and 6 in the presence of cDNA.

10 Sample 2: The products of a PCR reaction using the globin primers of SEQ ID NOs 5 and 6 in the absence of added cDNA.

Sample 3: The products of a PCR reaction using the dehydrogenase primers of SEQ ID NOs 7 and 8 in the presence of cDNA.

15 Sample 4: The products of a PCR reaction using the dehydrogenase primers of SEQ ID NOs 7 and 8 in the absence of added cDNA.

Sample 5: The products of a PCR reaction using the pp15 primers of SEQ ID NOs 9 and 10 in the presence of cDNA.

Sample 6: The products of a PCR reaction using the pp15 primers of SEQ ID NOs 9 and 10 in the absence of added cDNA.

20 Sample 7: The products of a PCR reaction using the EIE4 primers of SEQ ID NOs 11 and 12 in the presence of added cDNA.

Sample 8: The products of a PCR reaction using the EIE4 primers of SEQ ID NOs 11 and 12 in the absence of added cDNA.

25 In Samples 1, 3, 5 and 7, a band of the size expected for the PCR product was observed, indicating the presence of the corresponding sequence in the cDNA population.

30 PCR reactions were also carried out with the antisense oligonucleotides of the globin and dehydrogenase primers (SEQ ID NOs 6 and 8) and an oligonucleotide whose sequence corresponds to that of the derivatized oligonucleotide. The presence of PCR products of the expected size in the samples corresponding to samples 1 and 3 above indicated that the derivatized oligonucleotide had been incorporated.

The above examples summarize the chemical procedure for enriching mRNAs for those having intact 5' ends. Further detail regarding the chemical approaches for obtaining mRNAs having intact 5' ends are disclosed in International Application No. WO96/34981, published November 7, 1996.

35 Strategies based on the above chemical modifications to the 5' cap structure may be utilized to generate cDNAs which have been selected to include the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they are

derived. In one version of such procedures, the 5' ends of the mRNAs are modified as described above.

Thereafter, a reverse transcription reaction is conducted to extend a primer complementary to the mRNA to the 5' end of the mRNA. Single stranded RNAs are eliminated to obtain a population of cDNA/mRNA heteroduplexes in which the mRNA includes an intact 5' end. The resulting

5 heteroduplexes may be captured on a solid phase coated with a molecule capable of interacting with the molecule used to derivatize the 5' end of the mRNA. Thereafter, the strands of the heteroduplexes are separated to recover single stranded first cDNA strands which include the 5' end of the mRNA. Second strand cDNA synthesis may then proceed using conventional techniques. For example, the procedures disclosed in WO 96/34981 or in Carninci, P. et al. High-Efficiency Full-Length cDNA Cloning by Biotinylated CAP Trapper. Genomics 37:327-336 (1996), may be employed to select cDNAs which include the sequence derived from the 5' end of the coding sequence of the mRNA.

Following ligation of the oligonucleotide tag to the 5' cap of the mRNA, a reverse transcription reaction is conducted to extend a primer complementary to the mRNA to the 5' end of the mRNA. Following elimination of the RNA component of the resulting heteroduplex using standard techniques, 15 second strand cDNA synthesis is conducted with a primer complementary to the oligonucleotide tag.

Figure 1 summarizes the above procedures for obtaining cDNAs which have been selected to include the 5' ends of the mRNAs from which they are derived.

#### B. Enzymatic Methods for Obtaining mRNAs having Intact 5' Ends

Other techniques for selecting cDNAs extending to the 5' end of the mRNA from which they are derived are fully enzymatic. Some versions of these techniques are disclosed in Dumas Milne-Edwards J.B. (Doctoral Thesis of Paris VI University, Le clonage des ADNc complets: difficultes et perspectives nouvelles. Apports pour l'etude de la regulation de l'expression de la tryptophane hydroxylase de rat, 20 Dec. 1993), EP0 625572 and Kato et al. Construction of a Human Full-Length cDNA Bank. Gene 150:243-250 (1994).

25 Briefly, in such approaches, isolated mRNA is treated with alkaline phosphatase to remove the phosphate groups present on the 5' ends of uncapped incomplete mRNAs. Following this procedure, the cap present on full length mRNAs is enzymatically removed with a decapping enzyme such as T4 polynucleotide kinase or tobacco acid pyrophosphatase. An oligonucleotide, which may be either a DNA oligonucleotide or a DNA-RNA hybrid oligonucleotide having RNA at its 3' end, is then ligated to 30 the phosphate present at the 5' end of the decapped mRNA using T4 RNA ligase. The oligonucleotide may include a restriction site to facilitate cloning of the cDNAs following their synthesis. Example 12 below describes one enzymatic method based on the doctoral thesis of Dumas.

#### EXAMPLE 12

##### Enzymatic Approach for Obtaining 5' ESTs

Twenty micrograms of PolyA+ RNA were dephosphorylated using Calf Intestinal Phosphatase (Biolabs). After a phenol chloroform extraction, the cap structure of mRNA was hydrolyzed using the Tobacco Acid Pyrophosphatase (purified as described by Shinshi et al., Biochemistry 15: 2185-2190, 1976) and a hemi 5'DNA/RNA-3' oligonucleotide having an unphosphorylated 5' end, a stretch of adenosine ribophosphate at the 3' end, and an EcoRI site near the 5' end was ligated to the 5'P ends of mRNA using the T4 RNA ligase (Biolabs). Oligonucleotides suitable for use in this procedure are preferably 30-50 bases in length. Oligonucleotides having an unphosphorylated 5' end may be synthesized by adding a fluorochrome at the 5' end. The inclusion of a stretch of adenosine ribophosphates at the 3' end of the oligonucleotide increases ligation efficiency. It will be appreciated that the oligonucleotide may contain cloning sites other than EcoRI.

Following ligation of the oligonucleotide to the phosphate present at the 5' end of the decapped mRNA, first and second strand cDNA synthesis may be carried out using conventional methods or those specified in EP0 625,572 and Kato et al. Construction of a Human Full-Length cDNA Bank. Gene 150:243-250 (1994), and Dumas Milne-Edwards, supra. The resulting cDNA may then be ligated into vectors such as those disclosed in Kato et al. Construction of a Human Full-Length cDNA Bank. Gene 150:243-250 (1994) or other nucleic acid vectors known to those skilled in the art using techniques such as those described in Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual 2d Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989).

## II. Characterization of 5' ESTs

The above chemical and enzymatic approaches for enriching mRNAs having intact 5' ends were employed to obtain 5' ESTs. First, mRNAs were prepared as described in Example 13 below.

### EXAMPLE 13

#### Preparation of mRNA

Total human RNAs or PolyA+ RNAs derived from 29 different tissues were respectively purchased from LABIMO and CLONTECH and used to generate 44 cDNA libraries as described below. The purchased RNA had been isolated from cells or tissues using acid guanidium thiocyanate-phenol-chloroform extraction (Chomczynski, P and Sacchi, N., Analytical Biochemistry 162:156-159, 1987). PolyA+ RNA was isolated from total RNA (LABIMO) by two passes of oligodT chromatography, as described by Aviv and Leder (Aviv, H. and Leder, P., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 69:1408-1412, 1972) in order to eliminate ribosomal RNA.

The quality and the integrity of the poly A+ were checked. Northern blots hybridized with a globin probe were used to confirm that the mRNAs were not degraded. Contamination of the PolyA+ mRNAs by ribosomal sequences was checked using RNAs blots and a probe derived from the sequence of the 28S RNA. Preparations of mRNAs with less than 5% of ribosomal RNAs were used in library

construction. To avoid constructing libraries with RNAs contaminated by exogenous sequences (prokaryotic or fungal), the presence of bacterial 16S ribosomal sequences or of two highly expressed mRNAs was examined using PCR.

Following preparation of the mRNAs, the above described chemical and/or the enzymatic procedures for enriching mRNAs having intact 5' ends discussed above were employed to obtain 5' ESTs from various tissues. In both approaches an oligonucleotide tag was attached to the cap at the 5' ends of the mRNAs. The oligonucleotide tag had an EcoRI site therein to facilitate later cloning procedures.

Following attachment of the oligonucleotide tag to the mRNA by either the chemical or enzymatic methods, the integrity of the mRNA was examined by performing a Northern blot with 200-500ng of mRNA using a probe complementary to the oligonucleotide tag.

#### EXAMPLE 14

##### cDNA Synthesis Using mRNA Templates Having Intact 5' Ends

For the mRNAs joined to oligonucleotide tags using both the chemical and enzymatic methods, first strand cDNA synthesis was performed with reverse transcriptase using random nonamers as primers. In order to protect internal EcoRI sites in the cDNA from digestion at later steps in the procedure, methylated dCTP was used for first strand synthesis. After removal of RNA by an alkaline hydrolysis, the first strand of cDNA was precipitated using isopropanol in order to eliminate residual primers.

For both the chemical and the enzymatic methods, synthesis of the second strand of the cDNA is conducted as follows. After removal of RNA by alkaline hydrolysis, the first strand of cDNA is precipitated using isopropanol in order to eliminate residual primers. The second strand of the cDNA was synthesized with Klenow using a primer corresponding to the 5' end of the ligated oligonucleotide described in Example 12. Preferably, the primer is 20-25 bases in length. Methylated dCTP was also used for second strand synthesis in order to protect internal EcoRI sites in the cDNA from digestion during the cloning process.

Following cDNA synthesis, the cDNAs were cloned into pBlueScript as described in Example 15 below.

#### EXAMPLE 15

##### Insertion of cDNAs into BlueScript

Following second strand synthesis, the ends of the cDNA were blunted with T4 DNA polymerase (Biolabs) and the cDNA was digested with EcoRI. Since methylated dCTP was used during cDNA synthesis, the EcoRI site present in the tag was the only site which was hemi-methylated.

Consequently, only the EcoRI site in the oligonucleotide tag was susceptible to EcoRI digestion. The cDNA was then size fractionated using exclusion chromatography (AcA, Biosepra). Fractions corresponding to cDNAs of more than 150 bp were pooled and ethanol precipitated. The cDNA was directionally cloned into the SmaI and EcoRI ends of the phagemid pBlueScript vector (Stratagene). The ligation mixture was electroporated into bacteria and propagated under appropriate antibiotic selection.

Clones containing the oligonucleotide tag attached were selected as described in Example 16 below.

#### EXAMPLE 16

##### Selection of Clones Having the Oligonucleotide Tag Attached Thereto

The plasmid DNAs containing 5' EST libraries made as described above were purified (Qiagen). A positive selection of the tagged clones was performed as follows. Briefly, in this selection procedure, the plasmid DNA was converted to single stranded DNA using gene II endonuclease of the phage F1 in combination with an exonuclease (Chang et al., Gene 127:95-8, (1993)) such as exonuclease III or T7 gene 6 exonuclease. The resulting single stranded DNA was then purified using paramagnetic beads as described by Fry et al., Biotechniques, 13: 124-131 (1992). In this procedure, the single stranded DNA was hybridized with a biotinylated oligonucleotide having a sequence corresponding to the 3' end of the oligonucleotide described in Example 13. Preferably, the primer has a length of 20-25 bases. Clones including a sequence complementary to the biotinylated oligonucleotide were captured by incubation with streptavidin coated magnetic beads followed by magnetic selection. After capture of the positive clones, the plasmid DNA was released from the magnetic beads and converted into double stranded DNA using a DNA polymerase such as the ThermoSequenase obtained from Amersham Pharmacia Biotech. Alternatively, protocols such as the Gene Trapper kit (Gibco BRL) may be used. The double stranded DNA was then electroporated into bacteria. The percentage of positive clones having the 5' tag oligonucleotide was estimated to typically rank between 90 and 98% using dot blot analysis.

Following electroporation, the libraries were ordered in 384-microtiter plates (MTP). A copy of the MTP was stored for future needs. Then the libraries were transferred into 96 MTP and sequenced as described below.

#### EXAMPLE 17

##### Sequencing of Inserts in Selected Clones

Plasmid inserts were first amplified by PCR on PE 9600 thermocyclers (Perkin-Elmer), using



standard SETA-A and SETA-B primers (Genset SA), AmpliTaqGold (Perkin-Elmer), dNTPs (Boehringer), buffer and cycling conditions as recommended by the Perkin-Elmer Corporation.

PCR products were then sequenced using automatic ABI Prism 377 sequencers (Perkin Elmer, Applied Biosystems Division, Foster City, CA). Sequencing reactions were performed using PE 9600 thermocyclers (Perkin Elmer) with standard dye-primer chemistry and ThermoSequenase (Amersham Life Science). The primers used were either T7 or 21M13 (available from Genset SA) as appropriate. The primers were labeled with the JOE, FAM, ROX and TAMRA dyes. The dNTPs and ddNTPs used in the sequencing reactions were purchased from Boehringer. Sequencing buffer, reagent concentrations and cycling conditions were as recommended by Amersham.

Following the sequencing reaction, the samples were precipitated with EtOH, resuspended in formamide loading buffer, and loaded on a standard 4% acrylamide gel. Electrophoresis was performed for 2.5 hours at 3000V on an ABI 377 sequencer, and the sequence data were collected and analyzed using the ABI Prism DNA Sequencing Analysis Software, version 2.1.2.

The sequence data from the 44 cDNA libraries made as described above were transferred to a proprietary database, where quality control and validation steps were performed. A proprietary base-caller ("Trace"), working using a Unix system automatically flagged suspect peaks, taking into account the shape of the peaks, the inter-peak resolution, and the noise level. The proprietary base-caller also performed an automatic trimming. Any stretch of 25 or fewer bases having more than 4 suspect peaks was considered unreliable and was discarded. Sequences corresponding to cloning vector or ligation oligonucleotides were automatically removed from the EST sequences. However, the resulting EST sequences may contain 1 to 5 bases belonging to the above mentioned sequences at their 5' end. If needed, these can easily be removed on a case by case basis.

Thereafter, the sequences were transferred to the proprietary NETGENE™ Database for further analysis as described below.

Following sequencing as described above, the sequences of the 5' ESTs were entered in a proprietary database called NETGENE™ for storage and manipulation. It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the data could be stored and manipulated on any medium which can be read and accessed by a computer. Computer readable media include magnetically readable media, optically readable media, or electronically readable media. For example, the computer readable media may be a hard disc, a floppy disc, a magnetic tape, CD-ROM, RAM, or ROM as well as other types of other media known to those skilled in the art.

In addition, the sequence data may be stored and manipulated in a variety of data processor programs in a variety of formats. For example, the sequence data may be stored as text in a word processing file, such as Microsoft WORD or WORDPERFECT or as an ASCII file in a variety of database programs familiar to those of skill in the art, such as DB2, SYBASE, or ORACLE.

The computer readable media on which the sequence information is stored may be in a personal computer, a network, a server or other computer systems known to those skilled in the art. The computer or other system preferably includes the storage media described above, and a processor for accessing and manipulating the sequence data.

5 Once the sequence data has been stored it may be manipulated and searched to locate those stored sequences which contain a desired nucleic acid sequence or which encode a protein having a particular functional domain. For example, the stored sequence information may be compared to other known sequences to identify homologies, motifs implicated in biological function, or structural motifs.

10 Programs which may be used to search or compare the stored sequences include the MacPattern (EMBL), BLAST, and BLAST2 program series (NCBI), basic local alignment search tool programs for nucleotide (BLASTN) and peptide (BLASTX) comparisons (Altschul et al, J. Mol. Biol. 215: 403 (1990)) and FASTA (Pearson and Lipman, Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 85: 2444 (1988)). The BLAST programs then extend the alignments on the basis of defined match and mismatch criteria.

15 ✓ Motifs which may be detected using the above programs include sequences encoding leucine zippers, helix-turn-helix motifs, glycosylation sites, ubiquitination sites, alpha helices, and beta sheets, signal sequences encoding signal peptides which direct the secretion of the encoded proteins, sequences implicated in transcription regulation such as homeoboxes, acidic stretches, enzymatic active sites, substrate binding sites, and enzymatic cleavage sites.

20 Before searching the cDNAs in the NETGENE™ database for sequence motifs of interest, cDNAs derived from mRNAs which were not of interest were identified and eliminated from further consideration as described in Example 18 below.

#### EXAMPLE 18

##### Elimination of Undesired Sequences from Further Consideration

25 5' ESTs in the NETGENE™ database which were derived from undesired sequences such as transfer RNAs, ribosomal RNAs, mitochondrial RNAs, procaryotic RNAs, fungal RNAs, Alu sequences, L1 sequences, or repeat sequences were identified using the FASTA and BLASTN programs with the parameters listed in Table I.

30 To eliminate 5' ESTs encoding tRNAs from further consideration, the 5' EST sequences were compared to the sequences of 1190 known tRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 100 were human. The comparison was performed using FASTA on both strands of the 5' ESTs. Sequences having more than 80% homology over more than 60 nucleotides were identified as tRNA. Of the 144,341 sequences screened, 26 were identified as tRNAs and eliminated from further consideration.

35 To eliminate 5' ESTs encoding rRNAs from further consideration, the 5' EST sequences were compared to the sequences of 2497 known rRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 73 were

human. The comparison was performed using BLASTN on both strands of the 5' ESTs with the parameter S=108. Sequences having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides were identified as rRNAs. Of the 144,341 sequences screened, 3,312 were identified as rRNAs and eliminated from further consideration.

To eliminate 5' ESTs encoding mtRNAs from further consideration, the 5' EST sequences were compared to the sequences of the two known mitochondrial genomes for which the entire genomic sequences are available and all sequences transcribed from these mitochondrial genomes including tRNAs, rRNAs, and mRNAs for a total of 38 sequences. The comparison was performed using BLASTN on both strands of the 5' ESTs with the parameter S=108. Sequences having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides were identified as mtRNAs. Of the 144,341 sequences screened, 6,110 were identified as mtRNAs and eliminated from further consideration.

Sequences which might have resulted from exogenous contaminants were eliminated from further consideration by comparing the 5' EST sequences to release 46 of the EMBL bacterial and fungal divisions using BLASTN with the parameter S=144. All sequences having more than 90% homology over at least 40 nucleotides were identified as exogenous contaminants. Of the 42 cDNA libraries examined, the average percentages of procaryotic and fungal sequences contained therein were 0.2% and 0.5% respectively. Among these sequences, only one could be identified as a sequence specific to fungi. The others were either fungal or procaryotic sequences having homologies with vertebrate sequences or including repeat sequences which had not been masked during the electronic comparison.

In addition, the 5' ESTs were compared to 6093 Alu sequences and 1115 L1 sequences to mask 5' ESTs containing such repeat sequences from further consideration. 5' ESTs including THE and MER repeats, SSTR sequences or satellite, micro-satellite, or telomeric repeats were also eliminated from further consideration. On average, 11.5% of the sequences in the libraries contained repeat sequences. Of this 11.5%, 7% contained Alu repeats, 3.3% contained L1 repeats and the remaining 1.2% were derived from the other types of repetitive sequences which were screened. These percentages are consistent with those found in cDNA libraries prepared by other groups. For example, the cDNA libraries of Adams et al. contained between 0% and 7.4% Alu repeats depending on the source of the RNA which was used to prepare the cDNA library (Adams et al., Nature 377:174, 1996).

The sequences of those 5' ESTs remaining after the elimination of undesirable sequences were compared with the sequences of known human mRNAs to determine the accuracy of the sequencing procedures described above.

#### EXAMPLE 19

##### Measurement of Sequencing Accuracy by Comparison to Known Sequences

To further determine the accuracy of the sequencing procedure described above, the sequences of 5' ESTs derived from known sequences were identified and compared to the known sequences. First, a FASTA analysis with overhangs shorter than 5 bp on both ends was conducted on the 5' ESTs to identify those matching an entry in the public human mRNA database. The 6655 5' ESTs which matched a known human mRNA were then realigned with their cognate mRNA and dynamic programming was used to include substitutions, insertions, and deletions in the list of "errors" which would be recognized. Errors occurring in the last 10 bases of the 5' EST sequences were ignored to avoid the inclusion of spurious cloning sites in the analysis of sequencing accuracy.

This analysis revealed that the sequences incorporated in the NETGENE™ database had an accuracy of more than 99.5%.

To determine the efficiency with which the above selection procedures select cDNAs which include the 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs, the following analysis was performed.

#### EXAMPLE 20

##### Determination of Efficiency of 5' EST Selection

To determine the efficiency at which the above selection procedures isolated 5' ESTs which included sequences close to the 5' end of the mRNAs from which they were derived, the sequences of the ends of the 5' ESTs which were derived from the elongation factor 1 subunit  $\alpha$  and ferritin heavy chain genes were compared to the known cDNA sequences for these genes. Since the transcription start sites for the elongation factor 1 subunit  $\alpha$  and ferritin heavy chain are well characterized, they may be used to determine the percentage of 5' ESTs derived from these genes which included the authentic transcription start sites.

For both genes, more than 95% of the cDNAs included sequences close to or upstream of the 5' end of the corresponding mRNAs.

To extend the analysis of the reliability of the procedures for isolating 5' ESTs from ESTs in the NETGENE™ database, a similar analysis was conducted using a database composed of human mRNA sequences extracted from GenBank database release 97 for comparison. For those 5' ESTs derived from mRNAs included in the GeneBank database, more than 85% had their 5' ends close to the 5' ends of the known sequence. As some of the mRNA sequences available in the GenBank database are deduced from genomic sequences, a 5' end matching with these sequences will be counted as an internal match. Thus, the method used here underestimates the yield of ESTs including the authentic 5' ends of their corresponding mRNAs.

The EST libraries made above included multiple 5' ESTs derived from the same mRNA. The sequences of such 5' ESTs were compared to one another and the longest 5' ESTs for each mRNA were identified. Overlapping cDNAs were assembled into continuous sequences (contigs). The resulting

continuous sequences were then compared to public databases to gauge their similarity to known sequences, as described in Example 21 below.

#### EXAMPLE 21

##### Clustering of the 5' ESTs and Calculation of Novelty Indices for cDNA Libraries

For each sequenced EST library, the sequences were clustered by the 5' end. Each sequence in the library was compared to the others with BLASTN2 (direct strand, parameters S=107). ESTs with High Scoring Segment Pairs (HSPs) at least 25 bp long, having 95% identical bases and beginning closer than 10 bp from each EST 5' end were grouped. The longest sequence found in the cluster was used as representative of the cluster. A global clustering between libraries was then performed leading to the definition of super-contigs.

To assess the yield of new sequences within the EST libraries, a novelty rate (NR) was defined as:  $NR = 100 \times (\text{Number of new unique sequences found in the library} / \text{Total number of sequences from the library})$ . Typically, novelty rating range between 10% and 41% depending on the tissue from which the EST library was obtained. For most of the libraries, the random sequencing of 5' EST libraries was pursued until the novelty rate reached 20%.

Following characterization as described above, the collection of 5' ESTs in NETGENE™ was screened to identify those 5' ESTs bearing potential signal sequences as described in Example 22 below.

#### EXAMPLE 22

##### Identification of Potential Signal Sequences in 5' ESTs

The 5' ESTs in the NETGENE™ database were screened to identify those having an uninterrupted open reading frame (ORF) longer than 45 nucleotides beginning with an ATG codon and extending to the end of the EST. Approximately half of the cDNA sequences in NETGENE™ contained such an ORF. The ORFs of these 5' ESTs were searched to identify potential signal motifs using slight modifications of the procedures disclosed in Von Heijne, G. A New Method for Predicting Signal Sequence Cleavage Sites. Nucleic Acids Res. 14:4683-4690 (1986). Those 5' EST sequences encoding a 15 amino acid long stretch with a score of at least 3.5 in the Von Heijne signal peptide identification matrix were considered to possess a signal sequence. Those 5' ESTs which matched a known human mRNA or EST sequence and had a 5' end more than 20 nucleotides downstream of the known 5' end were excluded from further analysis. The remaining cDNAs having signal sequences therein were included in a database called SIGNALTAG™.

To confirm the accuracy of the above method for identifying signal sequences, the analysis of Example 23 was performed.

### EXAMPLE 23

#### Confirmation of Accuracy of Identification of Potential Signal Sequences in 5' ESTs

The accuracy of the above procedure for identifying signal sequences encoding signal peptides was evaluated by applying the method to the 43 amino terminal amino acids of all human SwissProt proteins. The computed Von Heijne score for each protein was compared with the known characterization of the protein as being a secreted protein or a non-secreted protein. In this manner, the number of non-secreted proteins having a score higher than 3.5 (false positives) and the number of secreted proteins having a score lower than 3.5 (false negatives) could be calculated.

Using the results of the above analysis, the probability that a peptide encoded by the 5' region of the mRNA is in fact a genuine signal peptide based on its Von Heijne's score was calculated based on either the assumption that 10% of human proteins are secreted or the assumption that 20% of human proteins are secreted. The results of this analysis are shown in Figures 2 and 3.

Using the above method of identifying secretory proteins, 5' ESTs for human glucagon, gamma interferon induced monokine precursor, secreted cyclophilin-like protein, human pleiotropin, and human biotinidase precursor all of which are polypeptides which are known to be secreted, were obtained. Thus, the above method successfully identified those 5' ESTs which encode a signal peptide.

To confirm that the signal peptide encoded by the 5' ESTs actually functions as a signal peptide, the signal sequences from the 5' ESTs may be cloned into a vector designed for the identification of signal peptides. Some signal peptide identification vectors are designed to confer the ability to grow in selective medium on host cells which have a signal sequence operably inserted into the vector. For example, to confirm that a 5' EST encodes a genuine signal peptide, the signal sequence of the 5' EST may be inserted upstream and in frame with a non-secreted form of the yeast invertase gene in signal peptide selection vectors such as those described in U.S. Patent No. 5,536,637. Growth of host cells containing signal sequence selection vectors having the signal sequence from the 5' EST inserted therein confirms that the 5' EST encodes a genuine signal peptide.

Alternatively, the presence of a signal peptide may be confirmed by cloning the extended cDNAs obtained using the ESTs into expression vectors such as pXT1 (as described below), or by constructing promoter-signal sequence-reporter gene vectors which encode fusion proteins between the signal peptide and an assayable reporter protein. After introduction of these vectors into a suitable host cell, such as COS cells or NIH 3T3 cells, the growth medium may be harvested and analyzed for the presence of the secreted protein. The medium from these cells is compared to the medium from cells containing vectors lacking the signal sequence or extended cDNA insert to identify vectors which encode a functional signal peptide or an authentic secreted protein.

Those 5' ESTs which encoded a signal peptide, as determined by the method of Example 22

above, were further grouped into four categories based on their homology to known sequences. The categorization of the 5' ESTs is described in Example 24 below.

#### EXAMPLE 24

##### Categorization of 5' ESTs Encoding a Signal Peptide

Those 5' ESTs having a sequence not matching any known vertebrate sequence nor any publicly available EST sequence were designated "new." Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 947 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category.

Those 5' ESTs having a sequence not matching any vertebrate sequence but matching a publicly known EST were designated "EST-ext", provided that the known EST sequence was extended by at least 40 nucleotides in the 5' direction. Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 150 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category.

Those ESTs not matching any vertebrate sequence but matching a publicly known EST without extending the known EST by at least 40 nucleotides in the 5' direction were designated "EST." Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 599 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category.

Those 5' ESTs matching a human mRNA sequence but extending the known sequence by at least 40 nucleotides in the 5' direction were designated "VERT-ext." Of the sequences in the SIGNALTAG™ database, 23 of the 5' ESTs having a Von Heijne's score of at least 3.5 fell into this category. Included in this category was a 5' EST which extended the known sequence of the human translocase mRNA by more than 200 bases in the 5' direction. A 5' EST which extended the sequence of a human tumor suppressor gene in the 5' direction was also identified.

Figure 4 shows the distribution of 5' ESTs in each category and the number of 5' ESTs in each category having a given minimum von Heijne's score.

Each of the 5' ESTs was categorized based on the tissue from which its corresponding mRNA was obtained, as described below in Example 25.

#### EXAMPLE 25

##### Categorization of Expression Patterns

Figure 5 shows the tissues from which the mRNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs in each of the above described categories were obtained.

In addition to categorizing the 5' ESTs by the tissue from which the cDNA library in which they were first identified was obtained, the spatial and temporal expression patterns of the mRNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs, as well as their expression levels, may be determined as described in Example 26 below. Characterization of the spatial and temporal expression patterns and expression

levels of these mRNAs is useful for constructing expression vectors capable of producing a desired level of gene product in a desired spatial or temporal manner, as will be discussed in more detail below.

In addition, 5' ESTs whose corresponding mRNAs are associated with disease states may also be identified. For example, a particular disease may result from lack of expression, over expression, or under expression of an mRNA corresponding to a 5' EST. By comparing mRNA expression patterns and quantities in samples taken from healthy individuals with those from individuals suffering from a particular disease, 5' ESTs responsible for the disease may be identified.

It will be appreciated that the results of the above characterization procedures for 5' ESTs also apply to extended cDNAs (obtainable as described below) which contain sequences adjacent to the 5' ESTs. It will also be appreciated that if it is desired to defer characterization until extended cDNAs have been obtained rather than characterizing the ESTs themselves, the above characterization procedures can be applied to characterize the extended cDNAs after their isolation.

#### EXAMPLE 26

##### Evaluation of Expression Levels and Patterns of mRNAs Corresponding to 5' ESTs or Extended cDNAs

Expression levels and patterns of mRNAs corresponding to 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs (obtainable as described below) may be analyzed by solution hybridization with long probes as described in International Patent Application No. WO 97/05277. Briefly, a 5' EST, extended cDNA, or fragment thereof corresponding to the gene encoding the mRNA to be characterized is inserted at a cloning site immediately downstream of a bacteriophage (T3, T7 or SP6) RNA polymerase promoter to produce antisense RNA. Preferably, the 5' EST or extended cDNA has 100 or more nucleotides. The plasmid is linearized and transcribed in the presence of ribonucleotides comprising modified ribonucleotides (i.e. biotin-UTP and DIG-UTP). An excess of this doubly labeled RNA is hybridized in solution with mRNA isolated from cells or tissues of interest. The hybridizations are performed under standard stringent conditions (40-50°C for 16 hours in an 80% formamide, 0.4 M NaCl buffer, pH 7-8). The unhybridized probe is removed by digestion with ribonucleases specific for single-stranded RNA (i.e. RNases CL3, T1, Phy M, U2 or A). The presence of the biotin-UTP modification enables capture of the hybrid on a microtitration plate coated with streptavidin. The presence of the DIG modification enables the hybrid to be detected and quantified by ELISA using an anti-DIG antibody coupled to alkaline phosphatase.

The 5' ESTs, extended cDNAs, or fragments thereof may also be tagged with nucleotide sequences for the serial analysis of gene expression (SAGE) as disclosed in UK Patent Application No. 2,305,241 A. In this method, cDNAs are prepared from a cell, tissue, organism or other source of nucleic acid for which it is desired to determine gene expression patterns. The resulting cDNAs are



separated into two pools. The cDNAs in each pool are cleaved with a first restriction endonuclease, called an "anchoring enzyme," having a recognition site which is likely to be present at least once in most cDNAs. The fragments which contain the 5' or 3' most region of the cleaved cDNA are isolated by binding to a capture medium such as streptavidin coated beads. A first oligonucleotide linker having a first sequence for hybridization of an amplification primer and an internal restriction site for a "tagging endonuclease" is ligated to the digested cDNAs in the first pool. Digestion with the second endonuclease produces short "tag" fragments from the cDNAs.

A second oligonucleotide having a second sequence for hybridization of an amplification primer and an internal restriction site is ligated to the digested cDNAs in the second pool. The cDNA fragments in the second pool are also digested with the "tagging endonuclease" to generate short "tag" fragments derived from the cDNAs in the second pool. The "tags" resulting from digestion of the first and second pools with the anchoring enzyme and the tagging endonuclease are ligated to one another to produce "ditags." In some embodiments, the ditags are concatamerized to produce ligation products containing from 2 to 200 ditags. The tag sequences are then determined and compared to the sequences of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs to determine which 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs are expressed in the cell, tissue, organism, or other source of nucleic acids from which the tags were derived. In this way, the expression pattern of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs in the cell, tissue, organism, or other source of nucleic acids is obtained.

Quantitative analysis of gene expression may also be performed using arrays. As used herein, the term array means a one dimensional, two dimensional, or multidimensional arrangement of full length cDNAs (i.e. extended cDNAs which include the coding sequence for the signal peptide, the coding sequence for the mature protein, and a stop codon), extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs or fragments of the full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, or 5' ESTs of sufficient length to permit specific detection of gene expression. Preferably, the fragments are at least 15 nucleotides in length. More preferably, the fragments are at least 100 nucleotides in length. More preferably, the fragments are more than 100 nucleotides in length. In some embodiments the fragments may be more than 500 nucleotides in length.

For example, quantitative analysis of gene expression may be performed with full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs, or fragments thereof in a complementary DNA microarray as described by Schena et al. Science 270:467-470, 1995; Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 93:10614-10619 (1996). Full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs or fragments thereof are amplified by PCR and arrayed from 96-well microtiter plates onto silylated microscope slides using high-speed robotics. Printed arrays are incubated in a humid chamber to allow rehydration of the array elements and rinsed, once in 0.2% SDS for 1 min, twice in water for 1 min and once for 5 min in sodium borohydride solution. The arrays are submerged in water for 2 min at 95°C, transferred into 0.2% SDS for 1 min, rinsed twice with water, air dried and stored in the dark at 25°C.

Cell or tissue mRNA is isolated or commercially obtained and probes are prepared by a single round of reverse transcription. Probes are hybridized to 1 cm<sup>2</sup> microarrays under a 14 x 14 mm glass coverslip for 6-12 hours at 60°C. Arrays are washed for 5 min at 25°C in low stringency wash buffer (1 x SSC/0.2% SDS), then for 10 min at room temperature in high stringency wash buffer (0.1 x SSC/0.2% SDS). Arrays are scanned in 0.1 x SSC using a fluorescence laser scanning device fitted with a custom filter set. Accurate differential expression measurements are obtained by taking the average of the ratios of two independent hybridizations.

Quantitative analysis of the expression of genes may also be performed with full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs, or fragments thereof in complementary DNA arrays as described by Pietu et al. *Genome Research* 6:492-503 (1996). The full length cDNAs, extended cDNAs, 5' ESTs or fragments thereof are PCR amplified and spotted on membranes. Then, mRNAs originating from various tissues or cells are labeled with radioactive nucleotides. After hybridization and washing in controlled conditions, the hybridized mRNAs are detected by phospho-imaging or autoradiography. Duplicate experiments are performed and a quantitative analysis of differentially expressed mRNAs is then performed.

Alternatively, expression analysis of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs can be done through high density nucleotide arrays as described by Lockhart et al. *Nature Biotechnology* 14: 1675-1680, 1996. and Sosnowsky et al. *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 94:1119-1123, 1997. Oligonucleotides of 15-50 nucleotides corresponding to sequences of the 5' ESTs or extended cDNAs are synthesized directly on the chip (Lockhart et al., supra) or synthesized and then addressed to the chip (Sosnowski et al., supra). Preferably, the oligonucleotides are about 20 nucleotides in length.

cDNA probes labeled with an appropriate compound, such as biotin, digoxigenin or fluorescent dye, are synthesized from the appropriate mRNA population and then randomly fragmented to an average size of 50 to 100 nucleotides. The said probes are then hybridized to the chip. After washing as described in Lockhart et al., supra and application of different electric fields (Sosnowsky et al., *Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci.* 94:1119-1123), the dyes or labeling compounds are detected and quantified. Duplicate hybridizations are performed. Comparative analysis of the intensity of the signal originating from cDNA probes on the same target oligonucleotide in different cDNA samples indicates a differential expression of the mRNA corresponding to the 5' EST or extended cDNA from which the oligonucleotide sequence has been designed.

### III. Use of 5' ESTs to Clone Extended cDNAs and to Clone the Corresponding Genomic DNAs

Once 5' ESTs which include the 5' end of the corresponding mRNAs have been selected using the procedures described above, they can be utilized to isolate extended cDNAs which contain sequences adjacent to the 5' ESTs. The extended cDNAs may include the entire coding sequence of the protein encoded by the corresponding mRNA, including the authentic translation start site, the signal

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sequence, and the sequence encoding the mature protein remaining after cleavage of the signal peptide. Such extended cDNAs are referred to herein as "full length cDNAs." Alternatively, the extended cDNAs may include only the sequence encoding the mature protein remaining after cleavage of the signal peptide, or only the sequence encoding the signal peptide.

5 Example 27 below describes a general method for obtaining extended cDNAs. Example 28 below describes the cloning and sequencing of several extended cDNAs, including extended cDNAs which include the entire coding sequence and authentic 5' end of the corresponding mRNA for several secreted proteins.

10 The methods of Examples 27, 28, and 29 can also be used to obtain extended cDNAs which encode less than the entire coding sequence of the secreted proteins encoded by the genes corresponding to the 5' ESTs. In some embodiments, the extended cDNAs isolated using these methods encode at least 10 amino acids of one of the proteins encoded by the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In further embodiments, the extended cDNAs encode at least 20 amino acids of the proteins encoded by the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In further embodiments, the extended cDNAs encode at least 30 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. In a preferred embodiment, the extended cDNAs encode a full length protein sequence, which includes the protein coding sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180.

#### EXAMPLE 27

20 General Method for Using 5' ESTs to Clone and Sequence Extended cDNAs which Include the Entire Coding Region and the Authentic 5' End of the Corresponding mRNA

The following general method has been used to quickly and efficiently isolate extended cDNAs including sequence adjacent to the sequences of the 5' ESTs used to obtain them. This method may be applied to obtain extended cDNAs for any 5' EST in the NetGene™ database, including those 5' ESTs encoding secreted proteins. The method is summarized in figure 6.

##### 1. Obtaining Extended cDNAs

###### a) First strand synthesis

30 The method takes advantage of the known 5' sequence of the mRNA. A reverse transcription reaction is conducted on purified mRNA with a poly 14dT primer containing a 49 nucleotide sequence at its 5' end allowing the addition of a known sequence at the end of the cDNA which corresponds to the 3' end of the mRNA. For example, the primer may have the following sequence: 5'-ATC GTT GAG ACT CGT ACC AGC AGA GTC ACG AGA GAG ACT ACA CGG TAC TGG TTT TTT TTT TTT TTVN -3' (SEQ ID NO:14). Those skilled in the art will appreciate that other sequences may also be added to the poly dT sequence and used to prime the first strand synthesis. Using this primer and a reverse transcriptase such as the Superscript II (Gibco BRL) or Rnase H Minus M-MLV (Promega)

enzyme, a reverse transcript anchored at the 3' polyA site of the RNAs is generated.

After removal of the mRNA hybridized to the first cDNA strand by alkaline hydrolysis, the products of the alkaline hydrolysis and the residual poly dT primer are eliminated with an exclusion column such as an AcA34 (Biosepra) matrix as explained in Example 11.

5 b) Second strand synthesis

A pair of nested primers on each end is designed based on the known 5' sequence from the 5' EST and the known 3' end added by the poly dT primer used in the first strand synthesis. Softwares used to design primers are either based on GC content and melting temperatures of oligonucleotides, such as OSP (Illier and Green, PCR Meth. Appl. 1:124-128, 1991), or based on the octamer frequency disparity method (Griffais et al., Nucleic Acids Res. 19: 3887-3891, 1991 such as PC-Rare (http://bioinformatics.weizmann.ac.il/software/PC-Rare/doc/manuel.html).

Preferably, the nested primers at the 5' end are separated from one another by four to nine bases. The 5' primer sequences may be selected to have melting temperatures and specificities suitable for use in PCR.

15 Preferably, the nested primers at the 3' end are separated from one another by four to nine bases. For example, the nested 3' primers may have the following sequences: (5'- CCA GCA GAG TCA CGA GAG AGA CTA CAC GG -3'(SEQ ID NO:15), and 5'- CAC GAG AGA GAC TAC ACG GTA CTG G -3' (SEQ ID NO:16). These primers were selected because they have melting temperatures and specificities compatible with their use in PCR. However, those skilled in the art will appreciate that  
20 other sequences may also be used as primers.

The first PCR run of 25 cycles is performed using the Advantage Tth Polymerase Mix (Clontech) and the outer primer from each of the nested pairs. A second 20 cycle PCR using the same enzyme and the inner primer from each of the nested pairs is then performed on 1/2500 of the first PCR product. Thereafter, the primers and nucleotides are removed.

25 2. Sequencing of Full Length Extended cDNAs or Fragments Thereof

Due to the lack of position constraints on the design of 5' nested primers compatible for PCR use using the OSP software, amplicons of two types are obtained. Preferably, the second 5' primer is located upstream of the translation initiation codon thus yielding a nested PCR product containing the whole coding sequence. Such a full length extended cDNA undergoes a direct cloning procedure as  
30 described in section a. However, in some cases, the second 5' primer is located downstream of the translation initiation codon, thereby yielding a PCR product containing only part of the ORF. Such incomplete PCR products are submitted to a modified procedure described in section b.

a) Nested PCR products containing complete ORFs

When the resulting nested PCR product contains the complete coding sequence, as predicted from the 5'EST sequence, it is cloned in an appropriate vector such as pED6dpc2, as described in section 3.

b) Nested PCR products containing incomplete ORFs

When the amplicon does not contain the complete coding sequence, intermediate steps are necessary to obtain both the complete coding sequence and a PCR product containing the full coding sequence. The complete coding sequence can be assembled from several partial sequences determined directly from different PCR products as described in the following section.

Once the full coding sequence has been completely determined, new primers compatible for PCR use are designed to obtain amplicons containing the whole coding region. However, in such cases, 3' primers compatible for PCR use are located inside the 3' UTR of the corresponding mRNA, thus yielding amplicons which lack part of this region, i.e. the polyA tract and sometimes the polyadenylation signal, as illustrated in figure 6. Such full length extended cDNAs are then cloned into an appropriate vector as described in section 3.

c) Sequencing extended cDNAs

Sequencing of extended cDNAs is performed using a Die Terminator approach with the AmpliTaq DNA polymerase FS kit available from Perkin Elmer.

In order to sequence PCR fragments, primer walking is performed using software such as OSP to choose primers and automated computer software such as ASMG (Sutton et al., Genome Science Technol. 1: 9-19, 1995) to construct contigs of walking sequences including the initial 5' tag using minimum overlaps of 32 nucleotides. Preferably, primer walking is performed until the sequences of full length cDNAs are obtained.

Completion of the sequencing of a given extended cDNA fragment is assessed as follows. Since sequences located after a polyA tract are difficult to determine precisely in the case of uncloned products, sequencing and primer walking processes for PCR products are interrupted when a polyA tract is identified in extended cDNAs obtained as described in case b. The sequence length is compared to the size of the nested PCR product obtained as described above. Due to the limited accuracy of the determination of the PCR product size by gel electrophoresis, a sequence is considered complete if the size of the obtained sequence is at least 70 % the size of the first nested PCR product. If the length of the sequence determined from the computer analysis is not at least 70% of the length of the nested PCR product, these PCR products are cloned and the sequence of the insertion is determined. When Northern blot data are available, the size of the mRNA detected for a given PCR product is used to finally assess that the sequence is complete. Sequences which do not fulfill the above criteria are discarded and will undergo a new isolation procedure.

Sequence data of all extended cDNAs are then transferred to a proprietary database, where

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quality controls and validation steps are carried out as described in example 15.

### 3. Cloning of Full Length Extended cDNAs

The PCR product containing the full coding sequence is then cloned in an appropriate vector. For example, the extended cDNAs can be cloned into the expression vector pED6dpc2 (DiscoverEase, Genetics Institute, Cambridge, MA) as follows. The structure of pED6dpc2 is shown in Figure 7. pED6dpc2 vector DNA is prepared with blunt ends by performing an EcoRI digestion followed by a fill in reaction. The blunt ended vector is dephosphorylated. After removal of PCR primers and ethanol precipitation, the PCR product containing the full coding sequence or the extended cDNA obtained as described above is phosphorylated with a kinase subsequently removed by phenol-Sevag extraction and precipitation. The double stranded extended cDNA is then ligated to the vector and the resulting expression plasmid introduced into appropriate host cells.

Since the PCR products obtained as described above are blunt ended molecules that can be cloned in either direction, the orientation of several clones for each PCR product is determined. Then, 4 to 10 clones are ordered in microtiter plates and subjected to a PCR reaction using a first primer located in the vector close to the cloning site and a second primer located in the portion of the extended cDNA corresponding to the 3' end of the mRNA. This second primer may be the antisense primer used in anchored PCR in the case of direct cloning (case a) or the antisense primer located inside the 3'UTR in the case of indirect cloning (case b). Clones in which the start codon of the extended cDNA is operably linked to the promoter in the vector so as to permit expression of the protein encoded by the extended cDNA are conserved and sequenced. In addition to the ends of cDNA inserts, approximately 50 bp of vector DNA on each side of the cDNA insert are also sequenced.

The cloned PCR products are then entirely sequenced according to the aforementioned procedure. In this case, contig assembly of long fragments is then performed on walking sequences that have already contigated for uncloned PCR products during primer walking. Sequencing of cloned amplicons is complete when the resulting contigs include the whole coding region as well as overlapping sequences with vector DNA on both ends.

### 4. Computer Analysis of Full Length Extended cDNA

Sequences of all full length extended cDNAs are then submitted to further analysis as described below and using the parameters found in Table I with the following modifications. For screening of miscellaneous subdivisions of Genbank, FASTA was used instead of BLASTN and 15 nucleotide of homology was the limit instead of 17. For Alu detection, BLASTN was used with the following parameters: S=72; identity=70%; and length = 40 nucleotides. Polyadenylation signal and polyA tail which were not search for the 5' ESTs were searched. For polyadenylation signal detection the signal (AATAAA) was searched with one permissible mismatch in the last ten nucleotides preceding the 5' end of the polyA. For the polyA, a stretch of 8 amino acids in the last 20 nucleotides of the sequence was

searched with BLAST2N in the sense strand with the following parameters (W=6, S=10, E=1000, and identity=90%). Finally, patented sequences and ORF homologies were searched using, respectively, BLASTN and BLASTP on GenSEQ (Derwent's database of patented nucleotide sequences) and SWISSPROT for ORFs with the following parameters (W=8 and B=10). Before examining the extended full length cDNAs for sequences of interest, extended cDNAs which are not of interest are searched as follows.

a) Elimination of undesired sequences

Although 5'ESTs were checked to remove contaminants sequences as described in Example 18, a last verification was carried out to identify extended cDNAs sequences derived from undesired sequences such as vector RNAs, transfer RNAs, ribosomal rRNAs, mitochondrial RNAs, prokaryotic RNAs and fungal RNAs using the FASTA and BLASTN programs on both strands of extended cDNAs as described below.

To identify the extended cDNAs encoding vector RNAs, extended cDNAs are compared to the known sequences of vector RNA using the FASTA program. Sequences of extended cDNAs with more than 90% homology over stretches of 15 nucleotides are identified as vector RNA.

To identify the extended cDNAs encoding tRNAs, extended cDNA sequences were compared to the sequences of 1190 known tRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 100 were human. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 80% homology over 60 nucleotides using FASTA were identified as tRNA.

To identify the extended cDNAs encoding rRNAs, extended cDNA sequences were compared to the sequences of 2497 known rRNAs obtained from EMBL release 38, of which 73 were human. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides using BLASTN were identified as rRNAs.

To identify the extended cDNAs encoding mtRNAs, extended cDNA sequences were compared to the sequences of the two known mitochondrial genomes for which the entire genomic sequences are available and all sequences transcribed from these mitochondrial genomes including tRNAs, rRNAs, and mRNAs for a total of 38 sequences. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 80% homology over stretches longer than 40 nucleotides using BLASTN were identified as mtRNAs.

Sequences which might have resulted from other exogenous contaminants were identified by comparing extended cDNA sequences to release 105 of Genbank bacterial and fungal divisions. Sequences of extended cDNAs having more than 90% homology over 40 nucleotides using BLASTN were identified as exogenous prokaryotic or fungal contaminants.

In addition, extended cDNAs were searched for different repeat sequences, including Alu sequences, L1 sequences, THE and MER repeats, SSTR sequences or satellite, micro-satellite, or telomeric repeats. Sequences of extended cDNAs with more than 70% homology over 40 nucleotide

stretches using BLASTN were identified as repeat sequences and masked in further identification procedures. In addition, clones showing extensive homology to repeats, i.e., matches of either more than 50 nucleotides if the homology was at least 75% or more than 40 nucleotides if the homology was at least 85% or more than 30 nucleotides if the homology was at least 90%, were flagged.

5 b) Identification of structural features

Structural features, e.g. polyA tail and polyadenylation signal, of the sequences of full length extended cDNAs are subsequently determined as follows.

A polyA tail is defined as a homopolymeric stretch of at least 11 A with at most one alternative base within it. The polyA tail search is restricted to the last 20 nt of the sequence and limited to stretches of 11 consecutive A's because sequencing reactions are often not readable after such a polyA stretch. Stretches with 100% homology over 6 nucleotides are identified as polyA tails.

To search for a polyadenylation signal, the polyA tail is clipped from the full-length sequence. The 50 bp preceding the polyA tail are searched for the canonic polyadenylation AAUAAA signal allowing one mismatch to account for possible sequencing errors and known variation in the canonical sequence of the polyadenylation signal.

15 c) Identification of functional features

Functional features, e.g. ORFs and signal sequences, of the sequences of full length extended cDNAs were subsequently determined as follows.

The 3 upper strand frames of extended cDNAs are searched for ORFs defined as the maximum length fragments beginning with a translation initiation codon and ending with a stop codon. ORFs encoding at least 20 amino acids are preferred.

Each found ORF is then scanned for the presence of a signal peptide in the first 50 amino-acids or, where appropriate, within shorter regions down to 20 amino acids or less in the ORF, using the matrix method of von Heijne (Nuc. Acids Res. 14: 4683-4690 (1986)), the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference and the modification described in Example 22.

25 d) Homology to either nucleotidic or proteic sequences

Sequences of full length extended cDNAs are then compared to known sequences on a nucleotidic or proteic basis.

Sequences of full length extended cDNAs are compared to the following known nucleic acid sequences: vertebrate sequences (Genbank release # GB), EST sequences (Genbank release # GB), patented sequences (Genseqn release GSEQ) and recently identified sequences (Genbank daily release) available at the time of filing. Full length cDNA sequences are also compared to the sequences of a private database (Genset internal sequences) in order to find sequences that have already been identified by applicants. Sequences of full length extended cDNAs with more than 90% homology over 30 nucleotides using either BLASTN or BLAST2N as indicated in Table II are identified as sequences that



have already been described. Matching vertebrate sequences are subsequently examined using FASTA; full length extended cDNAs with more than 70% homology over 30 nucleotides are identified as sequences that have already been described.

ORFs encoded by full length extended cDNAs as defined in section c) are subsequently compared to known amino acid sequences found in Swissprot release CHP, PIR release PIR# and Genpept release GPEPT public databases using BLASTP with the parameter W=8 and allowing a maximum of 10 matches. Sequences of full length extended cDNAs showing extensive homology to known protein sequences are recognized as already identified proteins.

In addition, the three-frame conceptual translation products of the top strand of full length extended cDNAs are compared to publicly known amino acid sequences of Swissprot using BLASTX with the parameter E=0.001. Sequences of full length extended cDNAs with more than 70% homology over 30 amino acid stretches are detected as already identified proteins.

#### 5. Selection of Cloned Full Length Sequences of the Present Invention

Cloned full length extended cDNA sequences that have already been characterized by the aforementioned computer analysis are then submitted to an automatic procedure in order to preselect full length extended cDNAs containing sequences of interest.

##### a) Automatic sequence preselection

All complete cloned full length extended cDNAs clipped for vector on both ends are considered. First, a negative selection is operated in order to eliminate unwanted cloned sequences resulting from either contaminants or PCR artifacts as follows. Sequences matching contaminant sequences such as vector RNA, tRNA, mtRNA, rRNA sequences are discarded as well as those encoding ORF sequences exhibiting extensive homology to repeats as defined in section 4 a). Sequences obtained by direct cloning using nested primers on 5' and 3' tags (section 1. case a) but lacking polyA tail are discarded. Only ORFs containing a signal peptide and ending either before the polyA tail (case a) or before the end of the cloned 3'UTR (case b) are kept. Then, ORFs containing unlikely mature proteins such as mature proteins which size is less than 20 amino acids or less than 25% of the immature protein size are eliminated.

In the selection of the OFR, priority was given to the ORF and the frame corresponding to the polypeptides described in SignalTag Patents (United States Patent Application Serial Nos: 08/905,223; 08/905,135; 08/905,051; 08/905,144; 08/905,279; 08/904,468; 08/905,134; and 08/905,133). If the ORF was not found among the OFRs described in the SignalTag Patents, the ORF encoding the signal peptide with the highest score according to Von Heijne method as defined in Example 22 was chosen. If the scores were identical, then the longest ORF was chosen.

Sequences of full length extended cDNA clones are then compared pairwise with BLAST after masking of the repeat sequences. Sequences containing at least 90% homology over 30 nucleotides are

clustered in the same class. Each cluster is then subjected to a cluster analysis that detects sequences resulting from internal priming or from alternative splicing, identical sequences or sequences with several frameshifts. This automatic analysis serves as a basis for manual selection of the sequences.

b) Manual sequence selection

Manual selection is carried out using automatically generated reports for each sequenced full length extended cDNA clone. During this manual procedures, a selection is operated between clones belonging to the same class as follows. ORF sequences encoded by clones belonging to the same class are aligned and compared. If the homology between nucleotidic sequences of clones belonging to the same class is more than 90% over 30 nucleotide stretches or if the homology between amino acid sequences of clones belonging to the same class is more than 80% over 20 amino acid stretches, than the clones are considered as being identical. The chosen ORF is the best one according to the criteria mentioned below. If the nucleotide and amino acid homologies are less than 90% and 80% respectively, the clones are said to encode distinct proteins which can be both selected if they contain sequences of interest.

Selection of full length extended cDNA clones encoding sequences of interest is performed using the following criteria. Structural parameters (initial tag, polyadenylation site and signal) are first checked. Then, homologies with known nucleic acids and proteins are examined in order to determine whether the clone sequence match a known nucleic/proteic sequence and, in the latter case, its covering rate and the date at which the sequence became public. If there is no extensive match with sequences other than ESTs or genomic DNA, or if the clone sequence brings substantial new information, such as encoding a protein resulting from alternative slicing of an mRNA coding for an already known protein, the sequence is kept. Examples of such cloned full length extended cDNAs containing sequences of interest are described in Example 28. Sequences resulting from chimera or double inserts as assessed by homology to other sequences are discarded during this procedure.

EXAMPLE 28

Cloning and Sequencing of Extended cDNAs

The procedure described in Example 27 above was used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention. Using this approach, the full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:17 was obtained. This cDNA falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide MKKVLLLITAILAVAVG (SEQ ID NO: 18) having a von Heijne score of 8.2.

The full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:49 was also obtained using this procedure. This cDNA falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide MWWFQQGLSFLPSALVIWTS (SEQ ID NO:20) having a von Heijne score of 5.5.

Another full length cDNA obtained using the procedure described above has the sequence of

SEQ ID NO:21. This cDNA, falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide MVLTTLP SANSANSPVNMPTTGPNSLSYASSALSPCLT (SEQ ID NO:22) having a von Heijne score of 5.9.

The above procedure was also used to obtain a full length cDNA having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:23. This cDNA falls into the "EST-ext" category described above and encodes the signal peptide ILSTVTALT FAXA (SEQ ID NO:24) having a von Heijne score of 5.5.

The full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:25 was also obtained using this procedure. This cDNA falls into the "new" category described above and encodes a signal peptide LVLTLCTLPLAVA (SEQ ID NO:26) having a von Heijne score of 10.1.

The full length cDNA of SEQ ID NO:27 was also obtained using this procedure. This cDNA falls into the "new" category described above and encodes a signal peptide LWLLFFLVTAIHA (SEQ ID NO:28) having a von Heijne score of 10.7.

The above procedures were also used to obtain the extended cDNAs of the present invention. 5' ESTs expressed in a variety of tissues were obtained as described above. The appended sequence listing provides the tissues from which the extended cDNAs were obtained. It will be appreciated that the extended cDNAs may also be expressed in tissues other than the tissue listed in the sequence listing.

5' ESTs obtained as described above were used to obtain extended cDNAs having the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-86. Table II provides the sequence identification numbers of the extended cDNAs of the present invention, the locations of the full coding sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 (i.e. the nucleotides encoding both the signal peptide and the mature protein, listed under the heading FCS location in Table II), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 which encode the signal peptides (listed under the heading SigPep Location in Table II), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 which encode the mature proteins generated by cleavage of the signal peptides (listed under the heading Mature Polypeptide Location in Table II), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 of stop codons (listed under the heading Stop Codon Location in Table II), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 40-86 of polyA signals (listed under the heading Poly A Signal Location in Table II) and the locations of polyA sites (listed under the heading Poly A Site Location in Table II).

The polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs were screened for the presence of known structural or functional motifs or for the presence of signatures, small amino acid sequences which are well conserved amongst the members of a protein family. The conserved regions have been used to derive consensus patterns or matrices included in the PROSITE data bank, in particular in the file prosite.dat (Release 13.0 of November 1995, located at <http://expasy.hcuge.ch/sprot/prosite.html>. Prosite\_convert and prosite\_scan programs ([http://ulrec3.unil.ch/ftpserveur/prosite\\_scan](http://ulrec3.unil.ch/ftpserveur/prosite_scan)) were used to find signatures on the extended cDNAs.

For each pattern obtained with the prosite\_convert program from the prosite.dat file, the

accuracy of the detection on a new protein sequence has been tested by evaluating the frequency of irrelevant hits on the population of human secreted proteins included in the data bank SWISSPROT. The ratio between the number of hits on shuffled proteins (with a window size of 20 amino acids) and the number of hits on native (unshuffled) proteins was used as an index. Every pattern for which the  
5 ration was greater than 20% (one hit on shuffled proteins for 5 hits on native proteins) was skipped during the search with prosite\_scan. The program used to shuffle protein sequences (db\_shuffled) and the program used to determine the statistics for each pattern in the protein data banks (prosite\_statistics) are available on the ftp site [http://ulrec3.unil.ch/ftpserveur/prosite\\_scan](http://ulrec3.unil.ch/ftpserveur/prosite_scan).

The results of the search are provided in Table III. The first column provides the ID number of  
10 the sequence. The second column indicates the beginning and end positions of the signature. The Prosite definition of the signature is indicated in the third column.

Table IV lists the sequence identification numbers of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133, the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 in the full length polypeptide (second column), the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 in the signal peptides (third  
15 column), and the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 in the mature polypeptide created by cleaving the signal peptide from the full length polypeptide (fourth column). In Table IV, the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1. In the appended sequence listing, the first amino acid of the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1 and the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated with the  
20 appropriate negative number, in accordance with the regulations governing sequence listings.

The extended cDNAs of the present invention were categorized based on their homology to known sequences. Genebank release #103, division ESTs, and Geneseq release #28 were used to scan the extended cDNAs using Blast. For each extended cDNA ID, the covering rate of the sequence by another sequence was determined as follows. The length in nucleotides of the matching segment was  
25 calculated (even when gaps were present) and divided by the length in nucleotides of the extended cDNA sequence. When more than one covering rate was obtained for a given extended cDNA, the higher covering rate was used to classify the extended cDNA. The Geneseq sequences have been categorized as either ESTs or vertebrate, with ESTs being those sequences obtained by random sequencing of cDNA libraries and vertebrate sequences being those sequences containing sequences  
30 resembling known functional motifs.

The results of this categorization are provided in Table V. The first column lists the sequence identification number of the sequence being categorized. The second column indicates those sequences having no matches with the database scanned. The third column indicates those sequences having a covering rate of less than 30%. The fourth column indicates those sequences having a covering rate  
35 greater than 30%. The fifth column indicates sequences partially or totally covered by vertebrate



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sequences as described above.

The nucleotide sequences of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-86, 134-180 and 228, and the amino acid sequences encoded by SEQ ID NOs: 40-86, 134-180, 228 (i.e. amino acid sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 87-133 and 181-227) are provided in the appended sequence listing. In some instances, the sequences are preliminary and may include some incorrect or ambiguous sequences or amino acids. The sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 40-86, 134-180 and 228 can readily be screened for any errors therein and any sequence ambiguities can be resolved by resequencing a fragment containing such errors or ambiguities on both strands. Nucleic acid fragments for resolving sequencing errors or ambiguities may be obtained from the deposited clones or can be isolated using the techniques described herein.

Resolution of any such ambiguities or errors may be facilitated by using primers which hybridize to sequences located close to the ambiguous or erroneous sequences. For example, the primers may hybridize to sequences within 50-75 bases of the ambiguity or error. Upon resolution of an error or ambiguity, the corresponding corrections can be made in the protein sequences encoded by the DNA containing the error or ambiguity. The amino acid sequence of the protein encoded by a particular clone can also be determined by expression of the clone in a suitable host cell, collecting the protein, and determining its sequence.

For each amino acid sequence, Applicants have identified what they have determined to be the reading frame best identifiable with sequence information available at the time of filing. Some of the amino acid sequences may contain "Xaa" designators. These "Xaa" designators indicate either (1) a residue which cannot be identified because of nucleotide sequence ambiguity or (2) a stop codon in the determined sequence where Applicants believe one should not exist (if the sequence were determined more accurately).

Cells containing the 47 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 134-180) of the present invention in the vector pED6dpc2, are maintained in permanent deposit by the inventors at Genset, S.A., 24 Rue Royale, 75008 Paris, France.

A pool of the cells containing the 47 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 134-180), from which the cells containing a particular polynucleotide is obtainable, will be deposited with the American Type Culture Collection. Each extended cDNA clone will be transfected into separate bacterial cells (E-coli) in this composite deposit. A pool of cells containing the 43 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 134, 136-143, 145-162, 164-174, and 176-180), from which the cells containing a particular polynucleotide is obtainable, were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on December 16, 1997, under the name SignalTag 1-43, and ATCC accession No. 98619. A pool of cells comprising the 2 extended cDNAs (SEQ ID NOs: 144 and 163), from which the cells containing a particular polynucleotide is obtainable, were deposited with the American Type Culture Collection on October 15, 1998, under the name SignalTag 44-66, and ATCC accession No. 98923. Each extended cDNA can be removed from

the pED6dpc2 vector in which it was deposited by performing a NotI, PstI double digestion to produce the appropriate fragment for each clone. The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs may also be expressed from the promoter in pED6dpc2.

Bacterial cells containing a particular clone can be obtained from the composite deposit as follows: An oligonucleotide probe or probes should be designed to the sequence that is known for that particular clone. This sequence can be derived from the sequences provided herein, or from a combination of those sequences. The design of the oligonucleotide probe should preferably follow these parameters:

(a) It should be designed to an area of the sequence which has the fewest ambiguous bases ("N's"), if any;

(b) Preferably, the probe is designed to have a  $T_m$  of approx. 80°C (assuming 2 degrees for each A or T and 4 degrees for each G or C). However, probes having melting temperatures between 40 °C and 80 °C may also be used provided that specificity is not lost.

The oligonucleotide should preferably be labeled with  $\gamma$ -<sup>32</sup>PATP (specific activity 6000 Ci/mmmole) and T4 polynucleotide kinase using commonly employed techniques for labeling oligonucleotides. Other labeling techniques can also be used. Unincorporated label should preferably be removed by gel filtration chromatography or other established methods. The amount of radioactivity incorporated into the probe should be quantified by measurement in a scintillation counter. Preferably, specific activity of the resulting probe should be approximately  $4 \times 10^6$  dpm/pmmole.

The bacterial culture containing the pool of full-length clones should preferably be thawed and 100  $\mu$ l of the stock used to inoculate a sterile culture flask containing 25 ml of sterile L-broth containing ampicillin at 100  $\mu$ g/ml. The culture should preferably be grown to saturation at 37°C, and the saturated culture should preferably be diluted in fresh L-broth. Aliquots of these dilutions should preferably be plated to determine the dilution and volume which will yield approximately 5000 distinct and well-separated colonies on solid bacteriological media containing L-broth containing ampicillin at 100  $\mu$ g/ml and agar at 1.5% in a 150 mm petri dish when grown overnight at 37°C. Other known methods of obtaining distinct, well-separated colonies can also be employed.

Standard colony hybridization procedures should then be used to transfer the colonies to nitrocellulose filters and lyse, denature and bake them.

The filter is then preferably incubated at 65°C for 1 hour with gentle agitation in 6X SSC (20X stock is 175.3 g NaCl/liter, 88.2 g Na citrate/liter, adjusted to pH 7.0 with NaOH) containing 0.5% SDS, 100  $\mu$ g/ml of yeast RNA, and 10 mM EDTA (approximately 10 mL per 150 mm filter). Preferably, the probe is then added to the hybridization mix at a concentration greater than or equal to  $1 \times 10^6$  dpm/mL. The filter is then preferably incubated at 65°C with gentle agitation overnight. The filter is then preferably washed in 500 mL of 2X SSC/0.1% SDS at room temperature with gentle

shaking for 15 minutes. A third wash with 0.1X SSC/0.5% SDS at 65°C for 30 minutes to 1 hour is optional. The filter is then preferably dried and subjected to autoradiography for sufficient time to visualize the positives on the X-ray film. Other known hybridization methods can also be employed.

The positive colonies are picked, grown in culture, and plasmid DNA isolated using standard procedures. The clones can then be verified by restriction analysis, hybridization analysis, or DNA sequencing.

The plasmid DNA obtained using these procedures may then be manipulated using standard cloning techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. Alternatively, a PCR can be done with primers designed at both ends of the extended cDNA insertion. For example, a PCR reaction may be conducted using a primer having the sequence GGCCATACACTTGAGTGAC (SEQ ID NO:38) and a primer having the sequence ATATAGACAAACGCACACC (SEQ. ID. NO:39). The PCR product which corresponds to the extended cDNA can then be manipulated using standard cloning techniques familiar to those skilled in the art.

In addition to PCR based methods for obtaining extended cDNAs, traditional hybridization based methods may also be employed. These methods may also be used to obtain the genomic DNAs which encode the mRNAs from which the 5' ESTs were derived, mRNAs corresponding to the extended cDNAs, or nucleic acids which are homologous to extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs. Example 29 below provides an example of such methods.

#### EXAMPLE 29

##### Methods for Obtaining Extended cDNAs or Nucleic Acids Homologous to Extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs

A full length cDNA library can be made using the strategies described in Examples 13, 14, 15, and 16 above by replacing the random nonamer used in Example 14 with an oligo-dT primer. For instance, the oligonucleotide of SEQ ID NO:14 may be used.

Alternatively, a cDNA library or genomic DNA library may be obtained from a commercial source or made using techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. The library includes cDNAs which are derived from the mRNA corresponding to a 5' EST or which have homology to an extended cDNA or 5' EST. The cDNA library or genomic DNA library is hybridized to a detectable probe comprising at least 10 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA using conventional techniques. Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. More preferably, the probe comprises at least 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA.

Techniques for identifying cDNA clones in a cDNA library which hybridize to a given probe sequence are disclosed in Sambrook et al., Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual 2d Ed., Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, (1989). The same techniques may be used to isolate genomic DNAs.

Briefly, cDNA or genomic DNA clones which hybridize to the detectable probe are identified and isolated for further manipulation as follows. A probe comprising at least 10 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA is labeled with a detectable label such as a radioisotope or a fluorescent molecule. Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. More preferably, the probe comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA. In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the 5' EST or extended cDNA.

Techniques for labeling the probe are well known and include phosphorylation with polynucleotide kinase, nick translation, in vitro transcription, and non-radioactive techniques. The cDNAs or genomic DNAs in the library are transferred to a nitrocellulose or nylon filter and denatured. After incubation of the filter with a blocking solution, the filter is contacted with the labeled probe and incubated for a sufficient amount of time for the probe to hybridize to cDNAs or genomic DNAs containing a sequence capable of hybridizing to the probe.

By varying the stringency of the hybridization conditions used to identify extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs which hybridize to the detectable probe, extended cDNAs having different levels of homology to the probe can be identified and isolated. To identify extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs having a high degree of homology to the probe sequence, the melting temperature of the probe may be calculated using the following formulas:

For probes between 14 and 70 nucleotides in length the melting temperature ( $T_m$ ) is calculated using the formula:  $T_m = 81.5 + 16.6(\log [Na^+]) + 0.41(\text{fraction G+C}) - (600/N)$  where N is the length of the probe.

If the hybridization is carried out in a solution containing formamide, the melting temperature may be calculated using the equation  $T_m = 81.5 + 16.6(\log [Na^+]) + 0.41(\text{fraction G+C}) - (0.63\% \text{ formamide}) - (600/N)$  where N is the length of the probe.

Prehybridization may be carried out in 6X SSC, 5X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS, 100 $\mu$ g denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA or 6X SSC, 5X Denhardt's reagent, 0.5% SDS, 100 $\mu$ g denatured fragmented salmon sperm DNA, 50% formamide. The formulas for SSC and Denhardt's solutions are listed in Sambrook et al., supra.

Hybridization is conducted by adding the detectable probe to the prehybridization solutions listed above. Where the probe comprises double stranded DNA, it is denatured before addition to the hybridization solution. The filter is contacted with the hybridization solution for a sufficient period of time to allow the probe to hybridize to extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs containing sequences



complementary thereto or homologous thereto. For probes over 200 nucleotides in length, the hybridization may be carried out at 15-25°C below the T<sub>m</sub>. For shorter probes, such as oligonucleotide probes, the hybridization may be conducted at 15-25°C below the T<sub>m</sub>. Preferably, for hybridizations in 6X SSC, the hybridization is conducted at approximately 68°C. Preferably, for hybridizations in 50% formamide containing solutions, the hybridization is conducted at approximately 42°C.

All of the foregoing hybridizations would be considered to be under "stringent" conditions. Following hybridization, the filter is washed in 2X SSC, 0.1% SDS at room temperature for 15 minutes. The filter is then washed with 0.1X SSC, 0.5% SDS at room temperature for 30 minutes to 1 hour. Thereafter, the solution is washed at the hybridization temperature in 0.1X SSC, 0.5% SDS. A final wash is conducted in 0.1X SSC at room temperature.

Extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs, or genomic DNAs which have hybridized to the probe are identified by autoradiography or other conventional techniques.

The above procedure may be modified to identify extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, or genomic DNAs having decreasing levels of homology to the probe sequence. For example, to obtain extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, or genomic DNAs of decreasing homology to the detectable probe, less stringent conditions may be used. For example, the hybridization temperature may be decreased in increments of 5°C from 68°C to 42°C in a hybridization buffer having a Na<sup>+</sup> concentration of approximately 1M. Following hybridization, the filter may be washed with 2X SSC, 0.5% SDS at the temperature of hybridization. These conditions are considered to be "moderate" conditions above 50°C and "low" conditions below 50°C.

Alternatively, the hybridization may be carried out in buffers, such as 6X SSC, containing formamide at a temperature of 42°C. In this case, the concentration of formamide in the hybridization buffer may be reduced in 5% increments from 50% to 0% to identify clones having decreasing levels of homology to the probe. Following hybridization, the filter may be washed with 6X SSC, 0.5% SDS at 50°C. These conditions are considered to be "moderate" conditions above 25% formamide and "low" conditions below 25% formamide.

Extended cDNAs, nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, or genomic DNAs which have hybridized to the probe are identified by autoradiography.

If it is desired to obtain nucleic acids homologous to extended cDNAs, such as allelic variants thereof or nucleic acids encoding proteins related to the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs, the level of homology between the hybridized nucleic acid and the extended cDNA or 5' EST used as the probe may readily be determined. To determine the level of homology between the hybridized nucleic acid and the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived, the nucleotide sequences of the hybridized nucleic acid and the extended cDNA or 5' EST from which the probe was derived are compared. For example, using the above methods, nucleic acids having at least 95% nucleic acid

homology to the extended cDNA or 5'EST from which the probe was derived may be obtained and identified. Similarly, by using progressively less stringent hybridization conditions one can obtain and identify nucleic acids having at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80% or at least 75% homology to the extended cDNA or 5'EST from which the probe was derived.

5 To determine whether a clone encodes a protein having a given amount of homology to the protein encoded by the extended cDNA or 5' EST, the amino acid sequence encoded by the extended cDNA or 5' EST is compared to the amino acid sequence encoded by the hybridizing nucleic acid. Homology is determined to exist when an amino acid sequence in the extended cDNA or 5' EST is closely related to an amino acid sequence in the hybridizing nucleic acid. A sequence is closely related  
10 when it is identical to that of the extended cDNA or 5' EST or when it contains one or more amino acid substitutions therein in which amino acids having similar characteristics have been substituted for one another. Using the above methods, one can obtain nucleic acids encoding proteins having at least 95%, at least 90%, at least 85%, at least 80% or at least 75% homology to the proteins encoded by the extended cDNA or 5'EST from which the probe was derived.

15 Alternatively, extended cDNAs may be prepared by obtaining mRNA from the tissue, cell, or organism of interest using mRNA preparation procedures utilizing poly A selection procedures or other techniques known to those skilled in the art. A first primer capable of hybridizing to the poly A tail of the mRNA is hybridized to the mRNA and a reverse transcription reaction is performed to generate a first cDNA strand.

20 The first cDNA strand is hybridized to a second primer containing at least 10 consecutive nucleotides of the sequences of the 5' EST for which an extended cDNA is desired. Preferably, the primer comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the sequences of the 5' EST. More preferably, the primer comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the sequences of the 5' EST. In some embodiments, the primer comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the sequences of the 5' EST. If  
25 it is desired to obtain extended cDNAs containing the full protein coding sequence, including the authentic translation initiation site, the second primer used contains sequences located upstream of the translation initiation site. The second primer is extended to generate a second cDNA strand complementary to the first cDNA strand. Alternatively, RTPCR may be performed as described above using primers from both ends of the cDNA to be obtained.

30 Extended cDNAs containing 5' fragments of the mRNA may be prepared by contacting an mRNA comprising the sequence of the 5' EST for which an extended cDNA is desired with a primer comprising at least 10 consecutive nucleotides of the sequences complementary to the 5' EST, hybridizing the primer to the mRNAs, and reverse transcribing the hybridized primer to make a first cDNA strand from the mRNAs. Preferably, the primer comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive  
35 nucleotides from the 5' EST. More preferably, the primer comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides

from the 5' EST.

Thereafter, a second cDNA strand complementary to the first cDNA strand is synthesized. The second cDNA strand may be made by hybridizing a primer complementary to sequences in the first cDNA strand to the first cDNA strand and extending the primer to generate the second cDNA strand.

5 The double stranded extended cDNAs made using the methods described above are isolated and cloned. The extended cDNAs may be cloned into vectors such as plasmids or viral vectors capable of replicating in an appropriate host cell. For example, the host cell may be a bacterial, mammalian, avian, or insect cell.

10 Techniques for isolating mRNA, reverse transcribing a primer hybridized to mRNA to generate a first cDNA strand, extending a primer to make a second cDNA strand complementary to the first cDNA strand, isolating the double stranded cDNA and cloning the double stranded cDNA are well known to those skilled in the art and are described in Current Protocols in Molecular Biology, John Wiley 503 Sons, Inc. (1997); and Sambrook et al. Molecular Cloning: A Laboratory Manual, Second Edition, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, (1989).

15 Alternatively, kits for obtaining full length cDNAs, such as the GeneTrapper (Cat. No. 10356-020, Gibco, BRL), may be used for obtaining full length cDNAs or extended cDNAs. In this approach, full length or extended cDNAs are prepared from mRNA and cloned into double stranded phagemids. The cDNA library in the double stranded phagemids is then rendered single stranded by treatment with an endonuclease, such as the Gene II product of the phage F1, and Exonuclease III as described in the manual accompanying the GeneTrapper kit. A biotinylated oligonucleotide comprising the sequence of 20 a 5' EST, or a fragment containing at least 10 nucleotides thereof, is hybridized to the single stranded phagemids. Preferably, the fragment comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST. More preferably, the fragment comprises 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST. In some procedures, the fragment may comprise more than 30 consecutive nucleotides from the 5' EST.

25 Hybrids between the biotinylated oligonucleotide and phagemids having inserts containing the 5' EST sequence are isolated by incubating the hybrids with streptavidin coated paramagnetic beads and retrieving the beads with a magnet. Thereafter, the resulting phagemids containing the 5' EST sequence are released from the beads and converted into double stranded DNA using a primer specific for the 5' EST sequence. The resulting double stranded DNA is transformed into bacteria. Extended cDNAs 30 containing the 5' EST sequence are identified by colony PCR or colony hybridization.

A plurality of extended cDNAs containing full length protein coding sequences or sequences encoding only the mature protein remaining after the signal peptide is cleaved may be provided as cDNA libraries for subsequent evaluation of the encoded proteins or use in diagnostic assays as described below.

35 IV. Expression of Proteins Encoded by Extended cDNAs Isolated Using 5' ESTs

Extended cDNAs containing the full protein coding sequences of their corresponding mRNAs or portions thereof, such as cDNAs encoding the mature protein, may be used to express the secreted proteins or portions thereof which they encode as described in Example 30 below. If desired, the extended cDNAs may contain the sequences encoding the signal peptide to facilitate secretion of the expressed protein. It will be appreciated that a plurality of extended cDNAs containing the full protein coding sequences or portions thereof may be simultaneously cloned into expression vectors to create an expression library for analysis of the encoded proteins as described below.

### EXAMPLE 30

#### Expression of the Proteins Encoded by Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof

To express the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof, nucleic acids containing the coding sequence for the proteins or portions thereof to be expressed are obtained as described in Examples 27-29 and cloned into a suitable expression vector. If desired, the nucleic acids may contain the sequences encoding the signal peptide to facilitate secretion of the expressed protein. For example, the nucleic acid may comprise the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 listed in Table VII and in the accompanying sequence listing. Alternatively, the nucleic acid may comprise those nucleotides which make up the full coding sequence of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII above.

It will be appreciated that should the extent of the full coding sequence (i.e. the sequence encoding the signal peptide and the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide) differ from that listed in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the extent of the full coding sequences in the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180. Accordingly, the scope of any claims herein relating to nucleic acids containing the full coding sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the full coding sequences listed in Table VII. Similarly, should the extent of the full length polypeptides differ from those indicated in Table VIII as a result of any of the preceding factors, the scope of claims relating to polypeptides comprising the amino acid sequence of the full length polypeptides is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VIII.

Alternatively, the nucleic acid used to express the protein or portion thereof may comprise those nucleotides which encode the mature protein (i.e. the protein created by cleaving the signal peptide off) encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII.

It will be appreciated that should the extent of the sequence encoding the mature protein differ

from that listed in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the extent of the sequence encoding the mature protein in the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180.

5 Accordingly, the scope of any claims herein relating to nucleic acids containing the sequence encoding the mature protein encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VII. Thus, claims relating to nucleic acids containing the sequence encoding the mature protein encompass equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VII, such as sequences encoding biologically active proteins resulting from  
10 post-translational modification, enzymatic cleavage, or other readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the proteins in addition to cleavage of the signal peptide. Similarly, should the extent of the mature polypeptides differ from those indicated in Table VIII as a result of any of the preceding factors, the scope of claims relating to polypeptides comprising the sequence of a mature protein included in the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 is not to be construed as excluding any readily  
15 identifiable variations from or equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VIII. Thus, claims relating to polypeptides comprising the sequence of the mature protein encompass equivalents to the sequences listed in Table VIII, such as biologically active proteins resulting from post-translational modification, enzymatic cleavage, or other readily identifiable variations from or equivalents to the proteins in addition to cleavage of the signal peptide. It will also be appreciated that should the biologically active  
20 form of the polypeptides included in the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or the nucleic acids encoding the biologically active form of the polypeptides differ from those identified as the mature polypeptide in Table VIII or the nucleotides encoding the mature polypeptide in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological  
25 factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the amino acids in the biologically active form of the polypeptides and the nucleic acids encoding the biologically active form of the polypeptides. In such instances, the claims relating to polypeptides comprising the mature protein included in one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 or nucleic acids comprising the nucleotides of one of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180 encoding the mature protein shall not be construed to exclude any readily identifiable variations from  
30 the sequences listed in Table VII and Table VIII.

In some embodiments, the nucleic acid used to express the protein or portion thereof may comprise those nucleotides which encode the signal peptide encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII above.

It will be appreciated that should the extent of the sequence encoding the signal peptide differ  
35 from that listed in Table VII as a result of a sequencing error, reverse transcription or amplification

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error, mRNA splicing, post-translational modification of the encoded protein, enzymatic cleavage of the encoded protein, or other biological factors, one skilled in the art would be readily able to identify the extent of the sequence encoding the signal peptide in the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180.

Accordingly, the scope of any claims herein relating to nucleic acids containing the sequence encoding the signal peptide encoded by one of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from the sequences listed in Table VII. Similarly, should the extent of the signal peptides differ from those indicated in Table VIII as a result of any of the preceding factors, the scope of claims relating to polypeptides comprising the sequence of a signal peptide included in the sequence of one of SEQ ID NOs. 181-227 is not to be construed as excluding any readily identifiable variations from the sequences listed in Table VIII.

Alternatively, the nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising at least 10 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In some embodiments, the nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising at least 15 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In other embodiments, the nucleic acid may encode a polypeptide comprising at least 25 consecutive amino acids of one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227.

The nucleic acids inserted into the expression vectors may also contain sequences upstream of the sequences encoding the signal peptide, such as sequences which regulate expression levels or sequences which confer tissue specific expression.

The nucleic acid encoding the protein or polypeptide to be expressed is operably linked to a promoter in an expression vector using conventional cloning technology. The expression vector may be any of the mammalian, yeast, insect or bacterial expression systems known in the art. Commercially available vectors and expression systems are available from a variety of suppliers including Genetics Institute (Cambridge, MA), Stratagene (La Jolla, California), Promega (Madison, Wisconsin), and Invitrogen (San Diego, California). If desired, to enhance expression and facilitate proper protein folding, the codon context and codon pairing of the sequence may be optimized for the particular expression organism in which the expression vector is introduced, as explained by Hatfield, et al., U.S. Patent No. 5,082,767.

The following is provided as one exemplary method to express the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs corresponding to the 5' ESTs or the nucleic acids described above. First, the methionine initiation codon for the gene and the poly A signal of the gene are identified. If the nucleic acid encoding the polypeptide to be expressed lacks a methionine to serve as the initiation site, an initiating methionine can be introduced next to the first codon of the nucleic acid using conventional techniques. Similarly, if the extended cDNA lacks a poly A signal, this sequence can be added to the construct by, for example, splicing out the Poly A signal from pSG5 (Stratagene) using BglI and SalI restriction endonuclease enzymes and incorporating it into the mammalian expression vector pXT1

(Stratagene). pXT1 contains the LTRs and a portion of the gag gene from Moloney Murine Leukemia Virus. The position of the LTRs in the construct allow efficient stable transfection. The vector includes the Herpes Simplex Thymidine Kinase promoter and the selectable neomycin gene. The extended cDNA or portion thereof encoding the polypeptide to be expressed is obtained by PCR from the bacterial vector using oligonucleotide primers complementary to the extended cDNA or portion thereof and containing restriction endonuclease sequences for Pst I incorporated into the 5' primer and BglII at the 5' end of the corresponding cDNA 3' primer, taking care to ensure that the extended cDNA is positioned in frame with the poly A signal. The purified fragment obtained from the resulting PCR reaction is digested with PstI, blunt ended with an exonuclease, digested with Bgl II, purified and ligated to pXT1, now containing a poly A signal and digested with BglII.

The ligated product is transfected into mouse NIH 3T3 cells using Lipofectin (Life Technologies, Inc., Grand Island, New York) under conditions outlined in the product specification. Positive transfectants are selected after growing the transfected cells in 600ug/ml G418 (Sigma, St. Louis, Missouri). Preferably the expressed protein is released into the culture medium, thereby facilitating purification.

Alternatively, the extended cDNAs may be cloned into pED6dpc2 as described above. The resulting pED6dpc2 constructs may be transfected into a suitable host cell, such as COS 1 cells. Methotrexate resistant cells are selected and expanded. Preferably, the protein expressed from the extended cDNA is released into the culture medium thereby facilitating purification.

Proteins in the culture medium are separated by gel electrophoresis. If desired, the proteins may be ammonium sulfate precipitated or separated based on size or charge prior to electrophoresis.

As a control, the expression vector lacking a cDNA insert is introduced into host cells or organisms and the proteins in the medium are harvested. The secreted proteins present in the medium are detected using techniques such as Coomassie or silver staining or using antibodies against the protein encoded by the extended cDNA. Coomassie and silver staining techniques are familiar to those skilled in the art.

Antibodies capable of specifically recognizing the protein of interest may be generated using synthetic 15-mer peptides having a sequence encoded by the appropriate 5' EST, extended cDNA, or portion thereof. The synthetic peptides are injected into mice to generate antibody to the polypeptide encoded by the 5' EST, extended cDNA, or portion thereof.

Secreted proteins from the host cells or organisms containing an expression vector which contains the extended cDNA derived from a 5' EST or a portion thereof are compared to those from the control cells or organism. The presence of a band in the medium from the cells containing the expression vector which is absent in the medium from the control cells indicates that the extended cDNA encodes a secreted protein. Generally, the band corresponding to the protein encoded by the

extended cDNA will have a mobility near that expected based on the number of amino acids in the open reading frame of the extended cDNA. However, the band may have a mobility different than that expected as a result of modifications such as glycosylation, ubiquitination, or enzymatic cleavage.

Alternatively, if the protein expressed from the above expression vectors does not contain sequences directing its secretion, the proteins expressed from host cells containing an expression vector containing an insert encoding a secreted protein or portion thereof can be compared to the proteins expressed in host cells containing the expression vector without an insert. The presence of a band in samples from cells containing the expression vector with an insert which is absent in samples from cells containing the expression vector without an insert indicates that the desired protein or portion thereof is being expressed. Generally, the band will have the mobility expected for the secreted protein or portion thereof. However, the band may have a mobility different than that expected as a result of modifications such as glycosylation, ubiquitination, or enzymatic cleavage.

The protein encoded by the extended cDNA may be purified using standard immunochromatography techniques. In such procedures, a solution containing the secreted protein, such as the culture medium or a cell extract, is applied to a column having antibodies against the secreted protein attached to the chromatography matrix. The secreted protein is allowed to bind the immunochromatography column. Thereafter, the column is washed to remove non-specifically bound proteins. The specifically bound secreted protein is then released from the column and recovered using standard techniques.

If antibody production is not possible, the extended cDNA sequence or portion thereof may be incorporated into expression vectors designed for use in purification schemes employing chimeric polypeptides. In such strategies the coding sequence of the extended cDNA or portion thereof is inserted in frame with the gene encoding the other half of the chimera. The other half of the chimera may be  $\beta$ -globin or a nickel binding polypeptide encoding sequence. A chromatography matrix having antibody to  $\beta$ -globin or nickel attached thereto is then used to purify the chimeric protein. Protease cleavage sites may be engineered between the  $\beta$ -globin gene or the nickel binding polypeptide and the extended cDNA or portion thereof. Thus, the two polypeptides of the chimera may be separated from one another by protease digestion.

One useful expression vector for generating  $\beta$ -globin chimerics is pSG5 (Stratagene), which encodes rabbit  $\beta$ -globin. Intron II of the rabbit  $\beta$ -globin gene facilitates splicing of the expressed transcript, and the polyadenylation signal incorporated into the construct increases the level of expression. These techniques as described are well known to those skilled in the art of molecular biology. Standard methods are published in methods texts such as Davis et al., (Basic Methods in Molecular Biology, L.G. Davis, M.D. Dibner, and J.F. Battey, ed., Elsevier Press, NY, 1986) and many of the methods are available from Stratagene, Life Technologies, Inc., or Promega. Polypeptide may



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additionally be produced from the construct using in vitro translation systems such as the In vitro Express™ Translation Kit (Stratagene).

Following expression and purification of the secreted proteins encoded by the 5' ESTs, extended cDNAs, or fragments thereof, the purified proteins may be tested for the ability to bind to the surface of various cell types as described in Example 31 below. It will be appreciated that a plurality of proteins expressed from these cDNAs may be included in a panel of proteins to be simultaneously evaluated for the activities specifically described below, as well as other biological roles for which assays for determining activity are available.

#### EXAMPLE 31

##### Analysis of Secreted Proteins to Determine Whether they Bind to the Cell Surface

The proteins encoded by the 5' ESTs, extended cDNAs, or fragments thereof are cloned into expression vectors such as those described in Example 30. The proteins are purified by size, charge, immunochromatography or other techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. Following purification, the proteins are labeled using techniques known to those skilled in the art. The labeled proteins are incubated with cells or cell lines derived from a variety of organs or tissues to allow the proteins to bind to any receptor present on the cell surface. Following the incubation, the cells are washed to remove non-specifically bound protein. The labeled proteins are detected by autoradiography. Alternatively, unlabeled proteins may be incubated with the cells and detected with antibodies having a detectable label, such as a fluorescent molecule, attached thereto.

Specificity of cell surface binding may be analyzed by conducting a competition analysis in which various amounts of unlabeled protein are incubated along with the labeled protein. The amount of labeled protein bound to the cell surface decreases as the amount of competitive unlabeled protein increases. As a control, various amounts of an unlabeled protein unrelated to the labeled protein is included in some binding reactions. The amount of labeled protein bound to the cell surface does not decrease in binding reactions containing increasing amounts of unrelated unlabeled protein, indicating that the protein encoded by the cDNA binds specifically to the cell surface.

As discussed above, secreted proteins have been shown to have a number of important physiological effects and, consequently, represent a valuable therapeutic resource. The secreted proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof made according to Examples 27-29 may be evaluated to determine their physiological activities as described below.

#### EXAMPLE 32

##### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Cytokine, Cell Proliferation or Cell Differentiation Activity

As discussed above, secreted proteins may act as cytokines or may affect cellular proliferation or differentiation. Many protein factors discovered to date, including all known cytokines, have exhibited activity in one or more factor dependent cell proliferation assays, and hence the assays serve as a convenient confirmation of cytokine activity. The activity of a protein of the present invention is evidenced by any one of a number of routine factor dependent cell proliferation assays for cell lines including, without limitation, 32D, DA2, DA1G, T10, B9, B9/11, BaF3, MC9/G, M+ (preB M+), 2E8, RB5, DA1, 123, T1165, HT2, CTLL2, TF-1, Mo7c and CMK. The proteins encoded by the above extended cDNAs or portions thereof may be evaluated for their ability to regulate T cell or thymocyte proliferation in assays such as those described above or in the following references: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed. by J.E. Coligan et al., Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Takai et al. J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500 (1986); Bertagnolli et al. J. Immunol. 145:1706-1712 (1990); Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341 (1991); Bertagnolli, et al. J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783 (1992); and Bowman et al., J. Immunol. 152:1756-1761 (1994).

In addition, numerous assays for cytokine production and/or the proliferation of spleen cells, lymph node cells and thymocytes are known. These include the techniques disclosed in Current Protocols in Immunology. J.E. Coligan et al. Eds., Vol 1 pp. 3.12.1-3.12.14 John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1994); and Schreiber, R.D. Current Protocols in Immunology., supra Vol 1 pp. 6.8.1-6.8.8, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1994).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be assayed for the ability to regulate the proliferation and differentiation of hematopoietic or lymphopoietic cells. Many assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays in the following references: Bottomly, K., Davis, L.S. and Lipsky, P.E., Measurement of Human and Murine Interleukin 2 and Interleukin 4, Current Protocols in Immunology., J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.3.1-6.3.12, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991); deVries et al., J. Exp. Med. 173:1205-1211, 1991; Moreau et al., Nature 36:690-692, (1988); Greenberger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 80:2931-2938, (1983); Nordan, R., Measurement of Mouse and Human Interleukin 6. Current Protocols in Immunology. J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.6.1-6.6.5, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991); Smith et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 83:1857-1861, 1986; Bennett, F., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K.J., Measurement of Human Interleukin 11. Current Protocols in Immunology. J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.15.1 John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991); and Ciarletta, A., Giannotti, J., Clark, S.C. and Turner, K.J., Measurement of Mouse and Human Interleukin 9. Current Protocols in Immunology. J.E. Coligan et al., Eds. Vol 1 pp. 6.13.1, John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1991).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be assayed for their ability to regulate T-cell responses to antigens. Many assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays described in the following references: Chapter 3 (In Vitro Assays for Mouse Lymphocyte

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Function), Chapter 6 (Cytokines and Their Cellular Receptors) and Chapter 7, (Immunologic Studies in Humans) Current Protocols in Immunology, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Weinberger et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 77:6091-6095 (1980); Weinberger et al., Eur. J. Immun. 11:405-411 (1981); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500 (1986); and Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512 (1988).

Those proteins which exhibit cytokine, cell proliferation, or cell differentiation activity may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which induction of cell proliferation or differentiation is beneficial. Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

### EXAMPLE 33

#### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Activity as Immune System Regulators

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effects as immune regulators. For example, the proteins may be evaluated for their activity to influence thymocyte or splenocyte cytotoxicity. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art including the assays described in the following references: Chapter 3 (In Vitro Assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19) and Chapter 7 (Immunologic studies in Humans) Current Protocols in Immunology, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds, Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Herrmann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2488-24921 (1981); Herrmann et al., J. Immunol. 128:1968-1974 (1982); Handa et al., J. Immunol. 135:1564-1572 (1985); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500 (1986); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512 (1988); Herrmann et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 78:2488-2492 (1981); Herrmann et al J. Immunol. 128:1968-1974 (1982); Handa et al., J. Immunol. 135:1564-1572 (1985); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500 (1986); Bowman et al., J. Virology 61:1992-1998; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512 (1988); Bertagnolli et al., Cellular Immunology 133:327-341 (1991); and Brown et al., J. Immunol. 153:3079-3092 (1994).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effects on T-cell dependent immunoglobulin responses and isotype switching. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Maliszewski, J. Immunol. 144:3028-3033 (1990); and Mond, J.J. and Brunswick, M. Assays for B Cell Function: In vitro Antibody Production, Vol 1 pp. 3.8.1-3.8.16 Current Protocols in Immunology. J.E. Coligan et al Eds., John Wiley and Sons, Toronto. (1994).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effect on immune effector cells, including their effect on Th1 cells and cytotoxic lymphocytes. Numerous assays for such activity

are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Chapter 3 (In Vitro Assays for Mouse Lymphocyte Function 3.1-3.19) and Chapter 7 (Immunologic Studies in Humans) Current Protocols in Immunology, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds., Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Takai et al., J. Immunol. 137:3494-3500 (1986); Takai et al., J. Immunol. 140:508-512 (1988); and Bertagnolli et al., J. Immunol. 149:3778-3783 (1992).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their effect on dendritic cell mediated activation of naive T-cells. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Guery et al., J. Immunol. 134:536-544 (1995); Inaba et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 173:549-559 (1991); Macatonia et al., J. Immunol. 154:5071-5079 (1995); Porgador et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 182:255-260 (1995); Nair et al., Journal of Virology 67:4062-4069 (1993); Huang et al., Science 264:961-965 (1994); Macatonia et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 169:1255-1264 (1989); Bhardwaj et al., Journal of Clinical Investigation 94:797-807 (1994); and Inaba et al., Journal of Experimental Medicine 172:631-640 (1990).

The proteins encoded by the cDNAs may also be evaluated for their influence on the lifetime of lymphocytes. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Darzynkiewicz et al., Cytometry 13:795-808 (1992); Gorczyca et al., Leukemia 7:659-670 (1993); Gorczyca et al., Cancer Research 53:1945-1951 (1993); Itoh et al., Cell 66:233-243 (1991); Zacharchuk et al., J. Immunol. 145:4037-4045 (1990); Zamai et al., Cytometry 14:891-897 (1993); and Gorczyca et al., International Journal of Oncology 1:639-648 (1992).

Assays for proteins that influence early steps of T-cell commitment and development include, without limitation, those described in: Antica et al., Blood 84:111-117 (1994); Fine et al., Cellular immunology 155:111-122 (1994); Galy et al., Blood 85:2770-2778 (1995); and Toki et al., Proc. Nat. Acad Sci. USA 88:7548-7551 (1991).

Those proteins which exhibit activity as immune system regulators activity may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of immune activity is beneficial. For example, the protein may be useful in the treatment of various immune deficiencies and disorders (including severe combined immunodeficiency (SCID)), e.g., in regulating (up or down) growth and proliferation of T and/or B lymphocytes, as well as effecting the cytolytic activity of NK cells and other cell populations. These immune deficiencies may be genetic or be caused by viral (e.g., HIV) as well as bacterial or fungal infections, or may result from autoimmune disorders. More specifically, infectious diseases caused by viral, bacterial, fungal or other infection may be treatable using a protein of the present invention, including infections by HIV, hepatitis viruses, herpesviruses, mycobacteria, Leishmania spp., malaria spp. and various fungal infections such as candidiasis. Of course, in this regard, a protein of the present invention may also be useful where a

boost to the immune system generally may be desirable, i.e., in the treatment of cancer.

Autoimmune disorders which may be treated using a protein of the present invention include, for example, connective tissue disease, multiple sclerosis, systemic lupus erythematosus, rheumatoid arthritis, autoimmune pulmonary inflammation, Guillain-Barre syndrome, autoimmune thyroiditis, insulin dependent diabetes mellitus, myasthenia gravis, graft-versus-host disease and autoimmune inflammatory eye disease. Such a protein of the present invention may also to be useful in the treatment of allergic reactions and conditions, such as asthma (particularly allergic asthma) or other respiratory problems. Other conditions, in which immune suppression is desired (including, for example, organ transplantation), may also be treatable using a protein of the present invention.

Using the proteins of the invention it may also be possible to regulate immune responses, in a number of ways. Down regulation may be in the form of inhibiting or blocking an immune response already in progress or may involve preventing the induction of an immune response. The functions of activated T-cells may be inhibited by suppressing T cell responses or by inducing specific tolerance in T cells, or both. Immunosuppression of T cell responses is generally an active, non-antigen-specific, process which requires continuous exposure of the T cells to the suppressive agent. Tolerance, which involves inducing non-responsiveness or anergy in T cells, is distinguishable from immunosuppression in that it is generally antigen-specific and persists after exposure to the tolerizing agent has ceased. Operationally, tolerance can be demonstrated by the lack of a T cell response upon reexposure to specific antigen in the absence of the tolerizing agent.

Down regulating or preventing one or more antigen functions (including without limitation B lymphocyte antigen functions (such as, for example, B7)), e.g., preventing high level lymphokine synthesis by activated T cells, will be useful in situations of tissue, skin and organ transplantation and in graft-versus-host disease (GVHD). For example, blockage of T cell function should result in reduced tissue destruction in tissue transplantation. Typically, in tissue transplants, rejection of the transplant is initiated through its recognition as foreign by T cells, followed by an immune reaction that destroys the transplant. The administration of a molecule which inhibits or blocks interaction of a B7 lymphocyte antigen with its natural ligand(s) on immune cells (such as a soluble, monomeric form of a peptide having B7-2 activity alone or in conjunction with a monomeric form of a peptide having an activity of another B lymphocyte antigen (e.g., B7-1, B7-3) or blocking antibody), prior to transplantation can lead to the binding of the molecule to the natural ligand(s) on the immune cells without transmitting the corresponding costimulatory signal. Blocking B lymphocyte antigen function in this matter prevents cytokine synthesis by immune cells, such as T cells, and thus acts as an immunosuppressant. Moreover, the lack of costimulation may also be sufficient to anergize the T cells, thereby inducing tolerance in a subject. Induction of long-term tolerance by B lymphocyte antigen-blocking reagents may avoid the necessity of repeated administration of these blocking reagents. To achieve sufficient

immunosuppression or tolerance in a subject, it may also be necessary to block the function of a combination of B lymphocyte antigens.

The efficacy of particular blocking reagents in preventing organ transplant rejection or GVHD can be assessed using animal models that are predictive of efficacy in humans. Examples of appropriate systems which can be used include allogeneic cardiac grafts in rats and xenogeneic pancreatic islet cell grafts in mice, both of which have been used to examine the immunosuppressive effects of CTLA4Ig fusion proteins in vivo as described in Lenschow et al., Science 257:789-792 (1992) and Turka et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci USA, 89:11102-11105 (1992). In addition, murine models of GVHD (see Paul ed., Fundamental Immunology, Raven Press, New York, (1989), pp. 846-847) can be used to determine the effect of blocking B lymphocyte antigen function in vivo on the development of that disease.

Blocking antigen function may also be therapeutically useful for treating autoimmune diseases. Many autoimmune disorders are the result of inappropriate activation of T cells that are reactive against self tissue and which promote the production of cytokines and autoantibodies involved in the pathology of the diseases. Preventing the activation of autoreactive T cells may reduce or eliminate disease symptoms. Administration of reagents which block costimulation of T cells by disrupting receptor ligand interactions of B lymphocyte antigens can be used to inhibit T cell activation and prevent production of autoantibodies or T cell-derived cytokines which may be involved in the disease process. Additionally, blocking reagents may induce antigen-specific tolerance of autoreactive T cells which could lead to long-term relief from the disease. The efficacy of blocking reagents in preventing or alleviating autoimmune disorders can be determined using a number of well-characterized animal models of human autoimmune diseases. Examples include murine experimental autoimmune encephalitis, systemic lupus erythmatosis in MRL/pr/pr mice or NZB hybrid mice, murine autoimmune collagen arthritis, diabetes mellitus in OD mice and BB rats, and murine experimental myasthenia gravis (see Paul ed., Fundamental Immunology, Raven Press, New York, (1989), pp. 840-856).

Upregulation of an antigen function (preferably a B lymphocyte antigen function), as a means of up regulating immune responses, may also be useful in therapy. Upregulation of immune responses may be in the form of enhancing an existing immune response or eliciting an initial immune response. For example, enhancing an immune response through stimulating B lymphocyte antigen function may be useful in cases of viral infection. In addition, systemic viral diseases such as influenza, the common cold, and encephalitis might be alleviated by the administration of stimulatory form of B lymphocyte antigens systemically.

Alternatively, anti-viral immune responses may be enhanced in an infected patient by removing T cells from the patient, costimulating the T cells in vitro with viral antigen-pulsed APCs either expressing a peptide of the present invention or together with a stimulatory form of a soluble peptide of the present invention and reintroducing the in vitro activated T cells into the patient. The infected cells

would now be capable of delivering a costimulatory signal to T cells in vivo, thereby activating the T cells.

In another application, up regulation or enhancement of antigen function (preferably B lymphocyte antigen function) may be useful in the induction of tumor immunity. Tumor cells (e.g., sarcoma, melanoma, lymphoma, leukemia, neuroblastoma, carcinoma) transfected with a nucleic acid encoding at least one peptide of the present invention can be administered to a subject to overcome tumor-specific tolerance in the subject. If desired, the tumor cell can be transfected to express a combination of peptides. For example, tumor cells obtained from a patient can be transfected ex vivo with an expression vector directing the expression of a peptide having B7-2-like activity alone, or in conjunction with a peptide having B7-1-like activity and/or B7-3-like activity. The transfected tumor cells are returned to the patient to result in expression of the peptides on the surface of the transfected cell. Alternatively, gene therapy techniques can be used to target a tumor cell for transfection in vivo.

The presence of the peptide of the present invention having the activity of a B lymphocyte antigen(s) on the surface of the tumor cell provides the necessary costimulation signal to T cells to induce a T cell mediated immune response against the transfected tumor cells. In addition, tumor cells which lack MHC class I or MHC class II molecules, or which fail to reexpress sufficient amounts of MHC class I or MHC class II molecules, can be transfected with nucleic acids encoding all or a portion of (e.g., a cytoplasmic-domain truncated portion) of an MHC class I  $\alpha$  chain protein and  $\beta_2$  macroglobulin protein or an MHC class II  $\alpha$  chain protein and an MHC class II  $\beta$  chain protein to thereby express MHC class I or MHC class II proteins on the cell surface. Expression of the appropriate class II or class II MHC in conjunction with a peptide having the activity of a B lymphocyte antigen (e.g., B7-1, B7-2, B7-3) induces a T cell mediated immune response against the transfected tumor cell. Optionally, a gene encoding an antisense construct which blocks expression of an MHC class II associated protein, such as the invariant chain, can also be cotransfected with a DNA encoding a peptide having the activity of a B lymphocyte antigen to promote presentation of tumor associated antigens and induce tumor specific immunity. Thus, the induction of a T cell mediated immune response in a human subject may be sufficient to overcome tumor-specific tolerance in the subject. Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

#### EXAMPLE 34

##### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Hematopoiesis Regulating Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for

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their hematopoiesis regulating activity. For example, the effect of the proteins on embryonic stem cell differentiation may be evaluated. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Johansson et al. Cellular Biology 15:141-151 (1995); Keller et al., Molecular and Cellular Biology 13:473-486 (1993); and McClanahan et al., Blood 81:2903-2915 (1993).

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their influence on the lifetime of stem cells and stem cell differentiation. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Freshney, M.G. Methylcellulose Colony Forming Assays, Culture of Hematopoietic Cells. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 265-268, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); Hirayama et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 89:5907-5911 (1992); McNiece, I.K. and Briddell, R.A. Primitive Hematopoietic Colony Forming Cells with High Proliferative Potential, Culture of Hematopoietic Cells. R.I. Freshney, et al. eds. Vol pp. 23-39, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); Neben et al., Experimental Hematology 22:353-359 (1994); Ploemacher, R.E. Cobblestone Area Forming Cell Assay, Culture of Hematopoietic Cells. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 1-21, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); Spooner, E., Dexter, M. and Allen, T. Long Term Bone Marrow Cultures in the Presence of Stromal Cells, Culture of Hematopoietic Cells. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 163-179, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994); and Sutherland, H.J. Long Term Culture Initiating Cell Assay, Culture of Hematopoietic Cells. R.I. Freshney, et al. Eds. pp. 139-162, Wiley-Liss, Inc., New York, NY. (1994).

Those proteins which exhibit hematopoiesis regulatory activity may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of hematopoiesis is beneficial. For example, a protein of the present invention may be useful in regulation of hematopoiesis and, consequently, in the treatment of myeloid or lymphoid cell deficiencies. Even marginal biological activity in support of colony forming cells or of factor-dependent cell lines indicates involvement in regulating hematopoiesis, e.g. in supporting the growth and proliferation of erythroid progenitor cells alone or in combination with other cytokines, thereby indicating utility, for example, in treating various anemias or for use in conjunction with irradiation/chemotherapy to stimulate the production of erythroid precursors and/or erythroid cells; in supporting the growth and proliferation of myeloid cells such as granulocytes and monocytes/macrophages (i.e., traditional CSF activity) useful, for example, in conjunction with chemotherapy to prevent or treat consequent myelo-suppression; in supporting the growth and proliferation of megakaryocytes and consequently of platelets thereby allowing prevention or treatment of various platelet disorders such as thrombocytopenia, and generally for use in place of or complimentary to platelet transfusions; and/or in supporting the growth and proliferation of hematopoietic stem cells which are capable of maturing to any and all of the above-mentioned hematopoietic cells and therefore find therapeutic utility in various stem cell disorders (such as those



usually treated with transplantation, including, without limitation, aplastic anemia and paroxysmal nocturnal hemoglobinuria), as well as in repopulating the stem cell compartment post irradiation/chemotherapy, either in-vivo or ex-vivo (i.e., in conjunction with bone marrow transplantation or with peripheral progenitor cell transplantation (homologous or heterologous)) as normal cells or genetically manipulated for gene therapy. Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

### EXAMPLE 35

#### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Regulation of Tissue Growth

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their effect on tissue growth. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in International Patent Publication No. WO95/16035, International Patent Publication No. WO95/05846 and International Patent Publication No. WO91/07491.

Assays for wound healing activity include, without limitation, those described in: Winter, Epidermal Wound Healing, pps. 71-112 (Maibach, H1 and Rovee, DT, eds.), Year Book Medical Publishers, Inc., Chicago, as modified by Eaglstein and Mertz, J. Invest. Dermatol. 71:382-84 (1978).

Those proteins which are involved in the regulation of tissue growth may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of tissue growth is beneficial. For example, a protein of the present invention also may have utility in compositions used for bone, cartilage, tendon, ligament and/or nerve tissue growth or regeneration, as well as for wound healing and tissue repair and replacement, and in the treatment of burns, incisions and ulcers.

A protein of the present invention, which induces cartilage and/or bone growth in circumstances where bone is not normally formed, has application in the healing of bone fractures and cartilage damage or defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a protein of the invention may have prophylactic use in closed as well as open fracture reduction and also in the improved fixation of artificial joints. De novo bone formation induced by an osteogenic agent contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or oncologic resection induced craniofacial defects, and also is useful in cosmetic plastic surgery.

A protein of this invention may also be used in the treatment of periodontal disease, and in other tooth repair processes. Such agents may provide an environment to attract bone-forming cells, stimulate growth of bone-forming cells or induce differentiation of progenitors of bone-forming cells. A protein of the invention may also be useful in the treatment of osteoporosis or osteoarthritis, such as through stimulation of bone and/or cartilage repair or by blocking inflammation or processes of tissue

destruction (collagenase activity, osteoclast activity, etc.) mediated by inflammatory processes.

Another category of tissue regeneration activity that may be attributable to the protein of the present invention is tendon/ligament formation. A protein of the present invention, which induces

tendon/ligament-like tissue or other tissue formation in circumstances where such tissue is not normally formed, has application in the healing of tendon or ligament tears, deformities and other tendon or ligament defects in humans and other animals. Such a preparation employing a tendon/ligament-like tissue inducing protein may have prophylactic use in preventing damage to tendon or ligament tissue, as well as use in the improved fixation of tendon or ligament to bone or other tissues, and in repairing defects to tendon or ligament tissue. De novo tendon/ligament-like tissue formation induced by a composition of the present invention contributes to the repair of congenital, trauma induced, or other tendon or ligament defects of other origin, and is also useful in cosmetic plastic surgery for attachment or repair of tendons or ligaments. The compositions of the present invention may provide an environment to attract tendon- or ligament-forming cells, stimulate growth of tendon- or ligament-forming cells, induce differentiation of progenitors of tendon- or ligament-forming cells, or induce growth of tendon/ligament cells or progenitors ex vivo for return in vivo to effect tissue repair. The compositions of the invention may also be useful in the treatment of tendinitis, carpal tunnel syndrome and other tendon or ligament defects. The compositions may also include an appropriate matrix and/or sequestering agent as a carrier as is well known in the art.

The protein of the present invention may also be useful for proliferation of neural cells and for regeneration of nerve and brain tissue, i.e., for the treatment of central and peripheral nervous system diseases and neuropathies, as well as mechanical and traumatic disorders, which involve degeneration, death or trauma to neural cells or nerve tissue. More specifically, a protein may be used in the treatment of diseases of the peripheral nervous system, such as peripheral nerve injuries, peripheral neuropathy and localized neuropathies, and central nervous system diseases, such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's disease, Huntington's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, and Shy-Drager syndrome. Further conditions which may be treated in accordance with the present invention include mechanical and traumatic disorders, such as spinal cord disorders, head trauma and cerebrovascular diseases such as stroke. Peripheral neuropathies resulting from chemotherapy or other medical therapies may also be treatable using a protein of the invention.

Proteins of the invention may also be useful to promote better or faster closure of non-healing wounds, including without limitation pressure ulcers, ulcers associated with vascular insufficiency, surgical and traumatic wounds, and the like.

It is expected that a protein of the present invention may also exhibit activity for generation or regeneration of other tissues, such as organs (including, for example, pancreas, liver, intestine, kidney, skin, endothelium) muscle (smooth, skeletal or cardiac) and vascular (including vascular endothelium)

tissue, or for promoting the growth of cells comprising such tissues. Part of the desired effects may be by inhibition or modulation of fibrotic scarring to allow normal tissue to generate. A protein of the invention may also exhibit angiogenic activity.

A protein of the present invention may also be useful for gut protection or regeneration and treatment of lung or liver fibrosis, reperfusion injury in various tissues, and conditions resulting from systemic cytokine damage.

A protein of the present invention may also be useful for promoting or inhibiting differentiation of tissues described above from precursor tissues or cells; or for inhibiting the growth of tissues described above.

Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

#### EXAMPLE 36

##### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Regulation of Reproductive Hormones or Cell Movement

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their ability to regulate reproductive hormones, such as follicle stimulating hormone. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Vale et al., Endocrinology 91:562-572 (1972); Ling et al., Nature 321:779-782 (1986); Vale et al., Nature 321:776-779 (1986); Mason et al., Nature 318:659-663 (1985); Forage et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 83:3091-3095 (1986). Chapter 6.12 (Measurement of Alpha and Beta Chemokines) Current Protocols in Immunology, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Taub et al. J. Clin. Invest. 95:1370-1376 (1995); Lind et al. APMIS 103:140-146 (1995); Muller et al. Eur. J. Immunol. 25:1744-1748; Gruber et al. J. of Immunol. 152:5860-5867 (1994); and Johnston et al. J. of Immunol. 153:1762-1768 (1994).

Those proteins which exhibit activity as reproductive hormones or regulators of cell movement may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of reproductive hormones or cell movement are beneficial. For example, a protein of the present invention may also exhibit activin- or inhibin-related activities. Inhibins are characterized by their ability to inhibit the release of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH), while activins are characterized by their ability to stimulate the release of follicle stimulating hormone (FSH). Thus, a protein of the present invention, alone or in heterodimers with a member of the inhibin  $\alpha$  family, may be useful as a contraceptive based on the ability of inhibins to decrease fertility in female mammals and decrease spermatogenesis in male mammals. Administration of sufficient amounts of other inhibins can induce infertility in these

mammals. Alternatively, the protein of the invention, as a homodimer or as a heterodimer with other protein subunits of the inhibin-B group, may be useful as a fertility inducing therapeutic, based upon the ability of activin molecules in stimulating FSH release from cells of the anterior pituitary. See, for example, United States Patent 4,798,885. A protein of the invention may also be useful for advancement of the onset of fertility in sexually immature mammals, so as to increase the lifetime reproductive performance of domestic animals such as cows, sheep and pigs.

Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

#### EXAMPLE 36A

##### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Chemotactic/Chemokinetic Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for chemotactic/chemokinetic activity. For example, a protein of the present invention may have chemotactic or chemokinetic activity (e.g., act as a chemokine) for mammalian cells, including, for example, monocytes, fibroblasts, neutrophils, T-cells, mast cells, eosinophils, epithelial and/or endothelial cells. Chemotactic and chemokinetic proteins can be used to mobilize or attract a desired cell population to a desired site of action. Chemotactic or chemokinetic proteins provide particular advantages in treatment of wounds and other trauma to tissues, as well as in treatment of localized infections. For example, attraction of lymphocytes, monocytes or neutrophils to tumors or sites of infection may result in improved immune responses against the tumor or infecting agent.

A protein or peptide has chemotactic activity for a particular cell population if it can stimulate, directly or indirectly, the directed orientation or movement of such cell population. Preferably, the protein or peptide has the ability to directly stimulate directed movement of cells. Whether a particular protein has chemotactic activity for a population of cells can be readily determined by employing such protein or peptide in any known assay for cell chemotaxis.

The activity of a protein of the invention may, among other means, be measured by the following methods:

Assays for chemotactic activity (which will identify proteins that induce or prevent chemotaxis) consist of assays that measure the ability of a protein to induce the migration of cells across a membrane as well as the ability of a protein to induce the adhesion of one cell population to another cell population. Suitable assays for movement and adhesion include, without limitation, those described in: Current Protocols in Immunology, Ed by J.E. Coligan, A.M. Kruisbeek, D.H. Margulies, E.M. Shevach, W. Strober, Pub. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience (Chapter 6.12, Measurement of

alpha and beta Chemokines 6.12.1-6.12.28; Taub et al. J. Clin. Invest. 95:1370-1376 (1995); Lind et al. APMIS 103:140-146 (1995); Mueller et al. Eur. J. Immunol. 25:1744-1748; Gruber et al. J. of Immunol. 152:5860-5867 (1994); and Johnston et al. J. of Immunol. 153:1762-1768 (1994).

5 EXAMPLE 37

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or  
Portions Thereof for Regulation of Blood Clotting

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may also be evaluated for their effects on blood clotting. Numerous assays for such activity are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Linet et al., J. Clin. Pharmacol. 26:131-140 (1986); Burdick et al., Thrombosis Res. 45:413-419 (1987); Humphrey et al., Fibrinolysis 5:71-79 (1991); and Schaub, Prostaglandins 35:467-474 (1988).

Those proteins which are involved in the regulation of blood clotting may then be formulated as pharmaceuticals and used to treat clinical conditions in which regulation of blood clotting is beneficial. For example, a protein of the invention may also exhibit hemostatic or thrombolytic activity. As a result, such a protein is expected to be useful in treatment of various coagulations disorders (including hereditary disorders, such as hemophilias) or to enhance coagulation and other hemostatic events in treating wounds resulting from trauma, surgery or other causes. A protein of the invention may also be useful for dissolving or inhibiting formation of thromboses and for treatment and prevention of conditions resulting therefrom (such as, for example, infarction of cardiac and central nervous system vessels (e.g., stroke). Alternatively, as described in more detail below, genes encoding these proteins or nucleic acids regulating the expression of these proteins may be introduced into appropriate host cells to increase or decrease the expression of the proteins as desired.

25 EXAMPLE 38

Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or  
Portions Thereof for Involvement in Receptor/Ligand Interactions

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or a portion thereof may also be evaluated for their involvement in receptor/ligand interactions. Numerous assays for such involvement are familiar to those skilled in the art, including the assays disclosed in the following references: Chapter 7.28 (Measurement of Cellular Adhesion under Static Conditions 7.28.1-7.28.22) Current Protocols in Immunology, J.E. Coligan et al. Eds. Greene Publishing Associates and Wiley-Interscience; Takai et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 84:6864-6868 (1987); Bierer et al., J. Exp. Med. 168:1145-1156 (1988);

Rosenstein et al., J. Exp. Med. 169:149-160 (1989); Stoltenborg et al., J. Immunol. Methods 175:59-68 (1994); Stitt et al., Cell 80:661-670 (1995); and Gyuris et al., Cell 75:791-803 (1993).

For example, the proteins of the present invention may also demonstrate activity as receptors, receptor ligands or inhibitors or agonists of receptor/ligand interactions. Examples of such receptors and ligands include, without limitation, cytokine receptors and their ligands, receptor kinases and their ligands, receptor phosphatases and their ligands, receptors involved in cell-cell interactions and their ligands (including without limitation, cellular adhesion molecules (such as selectins, integrins and their ligands) and receptor/ligand pairs involved in antigen presentation, antigen recognition and development of cellular and humoral immune responses). Receptors and ligands are also useful for screening of potential peptide or small molecule inhibitors of the relevant receptor/ligand interaction. A protein of the present invention (including, without limitation, fragments of receptors and ligands) may themselves be useful as inhibitors of receptor/ligand interactions.

#### EXAMPLE 38A

##### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Anti-Inflammatory Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or a portion thereof may also be evaluated for anti-inflammatory activity. The anti-inflammatory activity may be achieved by providing a stimulus to cells involved in the inflammatory response, by inhibiting or promoting cell-cell interactions (such as, for example, cell adhesion), by inhibiting or promoting chemotaxis of cells involved in the inflammatory process, inhibiting or promoting cell extravasation, or by stimulating or suppressing production of other factors which more directly inhibit or promote an inflammatory response. Proteins exhibiting such activities can be used to treat inflammatory conditions including chronic or acute conditions), including without limitation inflammation associated with infection (such as septic shock, sepsis or systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS)), ischemia-reperfusion injury, endotoxin lethality, arthritis, complement-mediated hyperacute rejection, nephritis, cytokine or chemokine-induced lung injury, inflammatory bowel disease, Crohn's disease or resulting from over production of cytokines such as TNF or IL-1. Proteins of the invention may also be useful to treat anaphylaxis and hypersensitivity to an antigenic substance or material.

#### EXAMPLE 38B

##### Assaying the Proteins Expressed from Extended cDNAs or Portions Thereof for Tumor Inhibition Activity

The proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or a portion thereof may also be evaluated for tumor inhibition activity. In addition to the activities described above for immunological treatment or prevention of tumors, a protein of the invention may exhibit other anti-tumor activities. A protein may

inhibit tumor growth directly or indirectly (such as, for example, via ADCC). A protein may exhibit its tumor inhibitory activity by acting on tumor tissue or tumor precursor tissue, by inhibiting formation of tissues necessary to support tumor growth (such as, for example, by inhibiting angiogenesis), by causing production of other factors, agents or cell types which inhibit tumor growth, or by suppressing, eliminating or inhibiting factors, agents or cell types which promote tumor growth.

A protein of the invention may also exhibit one or more of the following additional activities or effects: inhibiting the growth, infection or function of, or killing, infectious agents, including, without limitation, bacteria, viruses, fungi and other parasites; effecting (suppressing or enhancing) bodily characteristics, including, without limitation, height, weight, hair color, eye color, skin, fat to lean ratio or other tissue pigmentation, or organ or body part size or shape (such as, for example, breast augmentation or diminution, change in bone form or shape); effecting biorhythms or circadian cycles or rhythms; effecting the fertility of male or female subjects; effecting the metabolism, catabolism, anabolism, processing, utilization, storage or elimination of dietary fat, lipid, protein, carbohydrate, vitamins, minerals, cofactors or other nutritional factors or component(s); effecting behavioral characteristics, including, without limitation, appetite, libido, stress, cognition (including cognitive disorders), depression (including depressive disorders) and violent behaviors; providing analgesic effects or other pain reducing effects; promoting differentiation and growth of embryonic stem cells in lineages other than hematopoietic lineages; hormonal or endocrine activity; in the case of enzymes, correcting deficiencies of the enzyme and treating deficiency-related diseases; treatment of hyperproliferative disorders (such as, for example, psoriasis); immunoglobulin-like activity (such as, for example, the ability to bind antigens or complement); and the ability to act as an antigen in a vaccine composition to raise an immune response against such protein or another material or entity which is cross-reactive with such protein.

#### EXAMPLE 39

##### Identification of Proteins which Interact with Polypeptides Encoded by Extended cDNAs

Proteins which interact with the polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs or portions thereof, such as receptor proteins, may be identified using two hybrid systems such as the Matchmaker Two Hybrid System 2 (Catalog No. K1604-1, Clontech). As described in the manual accompanying the Matchmaker Two Hybrid System 2 (Catalog No. K1604-1, Clontech), the extended cDNAs or portions thereof, are inserted into an expression vector such that they are in frame with DNA encoding the DNA binding domain of the yeast transcriptional activator GAL4. cDNAs in a cDNA library which encode proteins which might interact with the polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof

are inserted into a second expression vector such that they are in frame with DNA encoding the activation domain of GAL4. The two expression plasmids are transformed into yeast and the yeast are plated on selection medium which selects for expression of selectable markers on each of the expression vectors as well as GAL4 dependent expression of the HIS3 gene. Transformants capable of growing on medium lacking histidine are screened for GAL4 dependent lacZ expression. Those cells which are positive in both the histidine selection and the lacZ assay contain plasmids encoding proteins which interact with the polypeptide encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof.

Alternatively, the system described in Lustig et al., *Methods in Enzymology* 283: 83-99 (1997), may be used for identifying molecules which interact with the polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs. In such systems, in vitro transcription reactions are performed on a pool of vectors containing extended cDNA inserts cloned downstream of a promoter which drives in vitro transcription. The resulting pools of mRNAs are introduced into *Xenopus laevis* oocytes. The oocytes are then assayed for a desired activity.

Alternatively, the pooled in vitro transcription products produced as described above may be translated in vitro. The pooled in vitro translation products can be assayed for a desired activity or for interaction with a known polypeptide.

Proteins or other molecules interacting with polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs can be found by a variety of additional techniques. In one method, affinity columns containing the polypeptide encoded by the extended cDNA or a portion thereof can be constructed. In some versions, of this method the affinity column contains chimeric proteins in which the protein encoded by the extended cDNA or a portion thereof is fused to glutathione S-transferase. A mixture of cellular proteins or pool of expressed proteins as described above and is applied to the affinity column. Proteins interacting with the polypeptide attached to the column can then be isolated and analyzed on 2-D electrophoresis gel as described in Ramunsen et al. *Electrophoresis* 18:588-598 (1997). Alternatively, the proteins retained on the affinity column can be purified by electrophoresis based methods and sequenced. The same method can be used to isolate antibodies, to screen phage display products, or to screen phage display human antibodies.

Proteins interacting with polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs or portions thereof can also be screened by using an Optical Biosensor as described in Edwards & Leatherbarrow, *Analytical Biochemistry*, 246:1-6 (1997). The main advantage of the method is that it allows the determination of the association rate between the protein and other interacting molecules. Thus, it is possible to specifically select interacting molecules with a high or low association rate. Typically a target molecule is linked to the sensor surface (through a carboxymethyl dextran matrix) and a sample of test molecules is placed in contact with the target molecules. The binding of a test molecule to the target molecule causes a change in the refractive index and/or thickness. This change is detected by the



Biosensor provided it occurs in the evanescent field (which extend a few hundred nanometers from the sensor surface). In these screening assays, the target molecule can be one of the polypeptides encoded by extended cDNAs or a portion thereof and the test sample can be a collection of proteins extracted from tissues or cells, a pool of expressed proteins, combinatorial peptide and/ or chemical libraries, or phage displayed peptides. The tissues or cells from which the test proteins are extracted can originate from any species.

In other methods, a target protein is immobilized and the test population is a collection of unique polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof.

To study the interaction of the proteins encoded by the extended cDNAs or portions thereof with drugs, the microdialysis coupled to HPLC method described by Wang et al., *Chromatographia* 44:205-208(1997) or the affinity capillary electrophoresis method described by Busch et al., *J. Chromatogr.* 777:311-328 (1997).

The system described in U.S. Patent No. 5,654,150, may also be used to identify molecules which interact with the polypeptides encoded by the extended cDNAs. In this system, pools of extended cDNAs are transcribed and translated in vitro and the reaction products are assayed for interaction with a known polypeptide or antibody.

It will be appreciated by those skilled in the art that the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or portions may be assayed for numerous activities in addition to those specifically enumerated above. For example, the expressed proteins may be evaluated for applications involving control and regulation of inflammation, tumor proliferation or metastasis, infection, or other clinical conditions. In addition, the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may be useful as nutritional agents or cosmetic agents.

The proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs or portions thereof may be used to generate antibodies capable of specifically binding to the expressed protein or fragments thereof as described in Example 40 below. The antibodies may be capable of binding a full length protein encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180, a mature protein encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs. 134-180, or a signal peptide encoded by one of the sequences of SEQ ID Nos. 134-180. Alternatively, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 10 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In some embodiments, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 15 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In other embodiments, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 25 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227. In further embodiments, the antibodies may be capable of binding fragments of the proteins expressed from the extended cDNAs which comprise at least 40 amino acids of the sequences of SEQ ID NOs:

## EXAMPLE 40

✓ Epitopes and Antibody Fusions

5 A preferred embodiment of the present invention is directed to eiptope-bearing polypeptides and epitope-bearing polypeptide fragments. These epitopes may be "antigenic epitopes" or both an "antigenic epitope" and an "immunogenic epitope". An "immunogenic epitope" is defined as a part of a protein that elicits an antibody response in vivo when the polypeptide is the immunogen. On the other hand, a region of polypeptide to which an antibody binds is defined as an "antigenic

10 determinant" or "antigenic epitope." The number of immunogenic epitopes of a protein generally is less than the number of antigenic epitopes. See, e.g., Geysen, et al. (1983) Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 81:39984002. It is particularly noted that although a particular epitope may not be immunogenic, it is nonetheless useful since antibodies can be made in vitro to any epitope.

An epitope can comprise as few as 3 amino acids in a spatial conformation which is unique to

15 the epitope. Generally an epitope consists of at least 6 such amino acids, and more often at least 8-10 such amino acids. In preferred embodiment, antigenic epitopes comprise a number of amino acids that is any integer between 3 and 50. Fragments which function as epitopes may be produced by any conventional means. See, e.g., Houghten, R. A., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82:5131-5135 (1985), further described in U.S. Patent No. 4,631,211. Methods for determining the amino acids which

20 make up an immunogenic epitope include x-ray crystallography, 2-dimensional nuclear magnetic resonance, and epitope mapping, e.g., the Pepscan method described by H. Mario Geysen et al. (1984); Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A. 81:3998-4002; PCT Publication No. WO 84/03564; and PCT Publication No. WO 84/03506. Another example is the algorithm of Jameson and Wolf, Comp. Appl. Biosci. 4:181-186 (1988) (said references incorporated by reference in their entirety). The

25 Jameson-Wolf antigenic analysis, for example, may be performed using the computer program PROTEAN, using default parameters (Version 4.0 Windows, DNASTAR, Inc., 1228 South Park Street Madison, WI).

The epitope-bearing fragments of the present invention preferably comprises 6 to 50 amino acids (i.e. any integer between 6 and 50, inclusive) of a polypeptide of the present invention. Also,

30 included in the present invention are antigenic fragments between the integers of 6 and the full length sequence of the sequence listing. All combinations of sequences between the integers of 6 and the full-length sequence of a polypeptide of the present invention are included. The epitope-bearing fragments may be specified by either the number of contiguous amino acid residues (as a sub-genus) or by specific N-terminal and C-terminal positions (as species) as described above for the

35 polypeptide fragments of the present invention. Any number of epitope-bearing fragments of the

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present invention may also be excluded in the same manner.

Antigenic epitopes are useful, for example, to raise antibodies, including monoclonal antibodies that specifically bind the epitope (See, Wilson et al., 1984; and Sutcliffe, J. G. et al., 1983).

The antibodies are then used in various techniques such as diagnostic and tissue/cell identification techniques, as described herein, and in purification methods.

Similarly, immunogenic epitopes can be used to induce antibodies according to methods well known in the art (See, Sutcliffe et al., supra; Wilson et al., supra; Chow, M. et al.; (1985) and Bittle, F. J. et al., (1985). A preferred immunogenic epitope includes the polypeptides of the sequence listing. The immunogenic epitopes may be presented together with a carrier protein, such as an albumin, to an animal system (such as rabbit or mouse) if nessary. Immunogenic epitopes comprising as few as 8 to 10 amino acids have been shown to be sufficient to raise antibodies capable of binding to, at the very least, linear epitopes in a denatured polypeptide (e.g., in Western blotting.).

Epitope-bearing polypeptides of the present invention are used to induce antibodies according to methods well known in the art including, but not limited to, in vivo immunization, in vitro immunization, and phage display methods (See, e.g., Sutcliffe, et al., supra; Wilson, et al., supra, and Bittle, et al., 1985). If in vivo immunization is used, animals may be immunized with free peptide; however, anti-peptide antibody titer may be boosted by coupling of the peptide to a macromolecular carrier, such as keyhole limpet hemacyanin (KLH) or tetanus toxoid. For instance, peptides containing cysteine residues may be coupled to a carrier using a linker such as - maleimidobenzoyl-N-hydroxysuccinimide ester (MBS), while other peptides may be coupled to carriers using a more general linking agent such as glutaraldehyde. Animals such as rabbits, rats and mice are immunized with either free or carrier-coupled peptides, for instance, by intraperitoneal and/or intradermal injection of emulsions containing about 100 µgs of peptide or carrier protein and Freund's adjuvant. Several booster injections may be needed, for instance, at intervals of about two weeks, to provide a useful titer of anti-peptide antibody, which can be detected, for example, by ELISA assay using free peptide adsorbed to a solid surface. The titer of anti-peptide antibodies in serum from an immunized animal may be increased by selection of anti-peptide antibodies, for instance, by adsorption to the peptide on a solid support and elution of the selected antibodies according to methods well known in the art.

As one of skill in the art will appreciate, and discussed above, the polypeptides of the present invention including, but not limited to, polypeptides comprising an immunogenic or antigenic epitope can be fused to heterologous polypeptide sequences. For example, the polypeptides of the present invention may be fused with the constant region comprising portions of immunoglobulins (IgA, IgE, IgG, IgM), or portions of the constant region (CH1, CH2, CH3, any combination thereof including both entire domains and portions thereof) resulting in chimeric polypeptides. These fusion proteins

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facilitate purification, and show an increased half-life in vivo. This has been shown, e.g., for chimeric proteins consisting of the first two domains of the human CD4-polypeptide and various domains of the constant regions of the heavy or light chains of mammalian immunoglobulins (See, e.g., EPA 0,394,827; and Traunecker et al., 1988). Fusion proteins that have a disulfide-linked dimeric structure due to the IgG portion can also be more efficient in binding and neutralizing other molecules than monomeric polypeptides or fragments thereof alone (See, e.g., Fountoulakis et al., 1995). Nucleic acids encoding the above epitopes can also be recombined with a gene of interest as an epitope tag to aid in detection and purification of the expressed polypeptide.

Additional fusion proteins of the invention may be generated through the techniques of gene-shuffling, motif-shuffling, exon-shuffling, or codon-shuffling (collectively referred to as "DNA shuffling"). DNA shuffling may be employed to modulate the activities of polypeptides of the present invention thereby effectively generating agonists and antagonists of the polypeptides. See, for example, U.S. Patent Nos.: 5,605,793; 5,811,238; 5,834,252; 5,837,458; and Patten, P.A., et al., (1997); Harayama, S., (1998); Hansson, L.O., et al (1999); and Lorenzo, M.M. and Blasco, R., (1998). (Each of these documents are hereby incorporated by reference). In one embodiment, one or more components, motifs, sections, parts, domains, fragments, etc., of coding polynucleotides of the invention, or the polypeptides encoded thereby may be recombined with one or more components, motifs, sections, parts, domains, fragments, etc. of one or more heterologous molecules.

#### Antibodies:

The present invention further relates to antibodies and T-cell antigen receptors (TCR), which specifically bind the polypeptides, and more specifically, the epitopes of the polypeptides of the present invention. The antibodies of the present invention include IgG (including IgG1, IgG2, IgG3, and IgG4), IgA (including IgA1 and IgA2), IgD, IgE, or IgM, and IgY. As used herein, the term "antibody" (Ab) is meant to include whole antibodies, including single-chain whole antibodies, and antigen binding fragments thereof. In a preferred embodiment the antibodies are human antigen binding antibody fragments of the present invention include, but are not limited to, Fab, Fab' F(ab)2 and F(ab')2, Fd, single-chain Fvs (scFv), single-chain antibodies, disulfide-linked Fvs (sdFv) and fragments comprising either a V<sub>L</sub> or V<sub>H</sub> domain. The antibodies may be from any animal origin including birds and mammals. Preferably, the antibodies are human, murine, rabbit, goat, guinea pig, camel, horse, or chicken.

Antigen-binding antibody fragments, including single-chain antibodies, may comprise the variable region(s) alone or in combination with the entire or partial of the following: hinge region, CH1, CH2, and CH3 domains. Also included in the invention are any combinations of variable region(s) and hinge region, CH1, CH2, and CH3 domains. The present invention further includes

chimeric, humanized, and human monoclonal and polyclonal antibodies, which specifically bind the polypeptides of the present invention. The present invention further includes antibodies that are anti-idiotypic to the antibodies of the present invention.

The antibodies of the present invention may be monospecific, bispecific, and trispecific or have greater multispecificity. Multispecific antibodies may be specific for different epitopes of a polypeptide of the present invention or may be specific for both a polypeptide of the present invention as well as for heterologous compositions, such as a heterologous polypeptide or solid support material. See, e.g., WO 93/17715; WO 92/08802; WO 91/00360; WO 92/05793; Tutt, A. et al. (1991); US Patents 5,573,920, 4,474,893, 5,601,819, 4,714,681, 4,925,648; Kostelny, S.A. et al. (1992).

Antibodies of the present invention may be described or specified in terms of the epitope(s) or epitope-bearing portion(s) of a polypeptide of the present invention, which are recognized or specifically bound by the antibody. In the case of proteins of the present invention secreted proteins, the antibodies may specifically bind a full-length protein encoded by a nucleic acid of the present invention, a mature protein (i.e., the protein generated by cleavage of the signal peptide) encoded by a nucleic acid of the present invention, a signal peptide encoded by a nucleic acid of the present invention, or any other polypeptide of the present invention. Therefore, the epitope(s) or epitope bearing polypeptide portion(s) may be specified as described herein, e.g., by N-terminal and C-terminal positions, by size in contiguous amino acid residues, or otherwise described herein (including the sequence listing). Antibodies which specifically bind any epitope or polypeptide of the present invention may also be excluded as individual species. Therefore, the present invention includes antibodies that specifically bind specified polypeptides of the present invention, and allows for the exclusion of the same.

Antibodies of the present invention may also be described or specified in terms of their cross-reactivity. Antibodies that do not specifically bind any other analog, ortholog, or homolog of the polypeptides of the present invention are included. Antibodies that do not bind polypeptides with less than 95%, less than 90%, less than 85%, less than 80%, less than 75%, less than 70%, less than 65%, less than 60%, less than 55%, and less than 50% identity (as calculated using methods known in the art and described herein, eg., using FASTDB and the parameters set forth herein) to a polypeptide of the present invention are also included in the present invention. Further included in the present invention are antibodies, which only bind polypeptides encoded by polynucleotides, which hybridize to a polynucleotide of the present invention under stringent hybridization conditions (as described herein). Antibodies of the present invention may also be described or specified in terms of their binding affinity. Preferred binding affinities include those with a dissociation constant or  $K_d$  value less than  $5 \times 10^{-6}M$ ,  $10^{-6}M$ ,  $5 \times 10^{-7}M$ ,  $10^{-7}M$ ,  $5 \times 10^{-8}M$ ,  $10^{-8}M$ ,  $5 \times 10^{-9}M$ ,  $10^{-9}M$ ,  $5 \times 10^{-10}M$ ,  $10^{-10}M$ ,

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✓ 5X10<sup>-11</sup>M, 10<sup>-11</sup>M, 5X10<sup>-12</sup>M, 10<sup>-12</sup>M, 5X10<sup>-13</sup>M, 10<sup>-13</sup>M, 5X10<sup>-14</sup>M, 10<sup>-14</sup>M, 5X10<sup>-15</sup>M, and 10<sup>-15</sup>M.

Antibodies of the present invention have uses that include, but are not limited to, methods known in the art to purify, detect, and target the polypeptides of the present invention including both in vitro and in vivo diagnostic and therapeutic methods. For example, the antibodies have use in immunoassays for qualitatively and quantitatively measuring levels of the polypeptides of the present invention in biological samples (See, e.g., Harlow et al., 1988).

The antibodies of the present invention may be used either alone or in combination with other compositions. The antibodies may further be recombinantly fused to a heterologous polypeptide at the N- or C-terminus or chemically conjugated (including covalent and non-covalent conjugations) to polypeptides or other compositions. For example, antibodies of the present invention may be recombinantly fused or conjugated to molecules useful as labels in detection assays and effector molecules such as heterologous polypeptides, drugs, or toxins. See, e.g., WO 92/08495; WO 91/14438; WO 89/12624; US Patent 5,314,995; and EP 0 396 387.

The antibodies of the present invention may be prepared by any suitable method known in the art. For example, a polypeptide of the present invention or an antigenic fragment thereof can be administered to an animal in order to induce the production of sera containing polyclonal antibodies. The term "monoclonal antibody" is not limited to antibodies produced through hybridoma technology. The term "antibody" refers to a polypeptide or group of polypeptides which are comprised of at least one binding domain, where a binding domain is formed from the folding of variable domains of an antibody molecule to form three-dimensional binding spaces with an internal surface shape and charge distribution complementary to the features of an antigenic determinant of an antigen, which allows an immunological reaction with the antigen. The term "monoclonal antibody" refers to an antibody that is derived from a single clone, including eukaryotic, prokaryotic, or phage clone, and not the method by which it is produced. Monoclonal antibodies can be prepared using a wide variety of techniques known in the art including the use of hybridoma, recombinant, and phage display technology.

Hybridoma techniques include those known in the art (See, e.g., Harlow et al. 1988); Hammerling, et al, 1981). (Said references incorporated by reference in their entireties). Fab and F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments may be produced, for example, from hybridoma-produced antibodies by proteolytic cleavage, using enzymes such as papain (to produce Fab fragments) or pepsin (to produce F(ab')<sub>2</sub> fragments).

Alternatively, antibodies of the present invention can be produced through the application of recombinant DNA technology or through synthetic chemistry using methods known in the art. For example, the antibodies of the present invention can be prepared using various phage display methods known in the art. In phage display methods, functional antibody domains are displayed on the surface

of a phage particle, which carries polynucleotide sequences encoding them. Phage with a desired binding property are selected from a repertoire or combinatorial antibody library (e.g. human or murine) by selecting directly with antigen, typically antigen bound or captured to a solid surface or bead. Phage used in these methods are typically filamentous phage including fd and M13 with Fab, Fv or disulfide stabilized Fv antibody domains recombinantly fused to either the phage gene III or gene VIII protein. Examples of phage display methods that can be used to make the antibodies of the present invention include those disclosed in Brinkman U. et al. (1995); Ames, R.S. et al. (1995); Kettleborough, C.A. et al. (1994); Persic, L. et al. (1997); Burton, D.R. et al. (1994); PCT/GB91/01134; WO 90/02809; WO 91/10737; WO 92/01047; WO 92/18619; WO 93/11236; WO 95/15982; WO 95/20401; and US Patents 5,698,426, 5,223,409, 5,403,484, 5,580,717, 5,427,908, 5,750,753, 5,821,047, 5,571,698, 5,427,908, 5,516,637, 5,780,225, 5,658,727 and 5,733,743.

As described in the above references, after phage selection, the antibody coding regions from the phage can be isolated and used to generate whole antibodies, including human antibodies, or any other desired antigen binding fragment, and expressed in any desired host including mammalian cells, insect cells, plant cells, yeast, and bacteria. For example, techniques to recombinantly produce Fab, Fab' F(ab)2 and F(ab')2 fragments can also be employed using methods known in the art such as those disclosed in WO 92/22324; Mullinax, R.L. et al. (1992); and Sawai, H. et al. (1995); and Better, M. et al. (1988).

Examples of techniques which can be used to produce single-chain Fvs and antibodies include those described in U.S. Patents 4,946,778 and 5,258,498; Huston et al. (1991); Shu, L. et al. (1993); and Skerra, A. et al. (1988). For some uses, including in vivo use of antibodies in humans and in vitro detection assays, it may be preferable to use chimeric, humanized, or human antibodies. Methods for producing chimeric antibodies are known in the art. See e.g., Morrison, (1985); Oi et al., (1986); Gillies, S.D. et al. (1989); and US Patent 5,807,715. Antibodies can be humanized using a variety of techniques including CDR-grafting (EP 0 239 400; WO 91/09967; US Patent 5,530,101; and 5,585,089), veneering or resurfacing, (EP 0 592 106; EP 0 519 596; Padlan E.A., 1991; Studnicka G.M. et al., 1994; Roguska M.A. et al., 1994), and chain shuffling (US Patent 5,565,332). Human antibodies can be made by a variety of methods known in the art including phage display methods described above. See also, US Patents 4,444,887, 4,716,111, 5,545,806, and 5,814,318; WO 98/46645; WO 98/50433; WO 98/24893; WO 96/34096; WO 96/33735; and WO 91/10741.

Further included in the present invention are antibodies recombinantly fused or chemically conjugated (including both covalently and non-covalently conjugations) to a polypeptide of the present invention. The antibodies may be specific for antigens other than polypeptides of the present invention. For example, antibodies may be used to target the polypeptides of the present invention to particular cell types, either in vitro or in vivo, by fusing or conjugating the polypeptides of the present

invention to antibodies specific for particular cell surface receptors. Antibodies fused or conjugated to the polypeptides of the present invention may also be used in in vitro immunoassays and purification methods using methods known in the art (See e.g., Harbor et al. supra; WO 93/21232; EP 0 439 095; Naramura, M. et al. 1994; US Patent 5,474,981; Gillies, S.O. et al., 1992; Fell, H.P. et al., 1991).

The present invention further includes compositions comprising the polypeptides of the present invention fused or conjugated to antibody domains other than the variable regions. For example, the polypeptides of the present invention may be fused or conjugated to an antibody Fc region, or portion thereof. The antibody portion fused to a polypeptide of the present invention may comprise the hinge region, CH1 domain, CH2 domain, and CH3 domain or any combination of whole domains or portions thereof. The polypeptides of the present invention may be fused or conjugated to the above antibody portions to increase the in vivo half-life of the polypeptides or for use in immunoassays using methods known in the art. The polypeptides may also be fused or conjugated to the above antibody portions to form multimers. For example, Fc portions fused to the polypeptides of the present invention can form dimers through disulfide bonding between the Fc portions. Higher multimeric forms can be made by fusing the polypeptides to portions of IgA and IgM. Methods for fusing or conjugating the polypeptides of the present invention to antibody portions are known in the art. See e.g., US Patents 5,336,603, 5,622,929, 5,359,046, 5,349,053, 5,447,851, 5,112,946; EP 0 307 434, EP 0 367 166; WO 96/04388, WO 91/06570; Ashkenazi, A. et al. (1991); Zheng, X.X. et al. (1995); and Vil, H. et al. (1992).

The invention further relates to antibodies that act as agonists or antagonists of the polypeptides of the present invention. For example, the present invention includes antibodies that disrupt the receptor/ligand interactions with the polypeptides of the invention either partially or fully. Included are both receptor-specific antibodies and ligand-specific antibodies. Included are receptor-specific antibodies, which do not prevent ligand binding but prevent receptor activation. Receptor activation (i.e., signaling) may be determined by techniques described herein or otherwise known in the art. Also included are receptor-specific antibodies which both prevent ligand binding and receptor activation. Likewise, included are neutralizing antibodies that bind the ligand and prevent binding of the ligand to the receptor, as well as antibodies that bind the ligand, thereby preventing receptor activation, but do not prevent the ligand from binding the receptor. Further included are antibodies that activate the receptor. These antibodies may act as agonists for either all or less than all of the biological activities affected by ligand-mediated receptor activation. The antibodies may be specified as agonists or antagonists for biological activities comprising specific activities disclosed herein. The above antibody agonists can be made using methods known in the art. See e.g., WO 96/40281; US Patent 5,811,097; Deng, B. et al. (1998); Chen, Z. et al. (1998); Harrop, J.A. et al. (1998); Zhu, Z. et

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al. (1998); Yoon, D.Y. et al. (1998); Prat, M. et al. (1998) J.; Pitard, V. et al. (1997); Liautard, J. et al. (1997); Carlson, N.G. et al. (1997) J.; Taryman, R.E. et al. (1995); Muller, Y.A. et al. (1998); Bartunek, P. et al. (1996).

As discussed above, antibodies of the polypeptides of the invention can, in turn, be utilized to generate anti-idiotypic antibodies that "mimic" polypeptides of the invention using techniques well known to those skilled in the art (See, e.g. Greenspan and Bona (1989); and Nissinoff (1991). For example, antibodies which bind to and competitively inhibit polypeptide multimerization or binding of a polypeptide of the invention to ligand can be used to generate anti-idiotypes that "mimic" the polypeptide multimerization or binding domain and, as a consequence, bind to and neutralize polypeptide or its ligand. Such neutralization anti-idiotypic antibodies can be used to bind a polypeptide of the invention or to bind its ligands/receptors, and thereby block its biological activity,

The invention also concerns a purified or isolated antibody capable of specifically binding to a mutated full length or mature polypeptide of the present invention or to a fragment or variant thereof comprising an epitope of the mutated polypeptide. In another preferred embodiment, the present invention concerns an antibody capable of binding to a polypeptide comprising at least 10 consecutive amino acids of a polypeptide of the present invention and including at least one of the amino acids which can be encoded by the trait causing mutations.

Non-human animals or mammals, whether wild-type or transgenic, which express a different species of a polypeptide of the present invention than the one to which antibody binding is desired, and animals which do not express a polypeptide of the present invention (i.e. a knock out animal) are particularly useful for preparing antibodies. Gene knock out animals will recognize all or most of the exposed regions of a polypeptide of the present invention as foreign antigens, and therefore produce antibodies with a wider array of epitopes. Moreover, smaller polypeptides with only 10 to 30 amino acids may be useful in obtaining specific binding to any one of the polypeptides of the present invention. In addition, the humoral immune system of animals which produce a species of a polypeptide of the present invention that resembles the antigenic sequence will preferentially recognize the differences between the animal's native polypeptide species and the antigen sequence, and produce antibodies to these unique sites in the antigen sequence. Such a technique will be particularly useful in obtaining antibodies that specifically bind to any one of the polypeptides of the present invention.

Antibody preparations prepared according to either protocol are useful in quantitative immunoassays which determine concentrations of antigen-bearing substances in biological samples; they are also used semi-quantitatively or qualitatively to identify the presence of antigen in a biological sample. The antibodies may also be used in therapeutic compositions for killing cells expressing the protein or reducing the levels of the protein in the body.

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The antibodies of the invention may be labeled by any one of the radioactive, fluorescent or enzymatic labels known in the art.

Consequently, the invention is also directed to a method for detecting specifically the presence of a polypeptide of the present invention according to the invention in a biological sample, said method comprising the following steps:

- a) bringing into contact the biological sample with a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody that specifically binds a polypeptide of the present invention; and
- b) detecting the antigen-antibody complex formed.

The invention also concerns a diagnostic kit for detecting in vitro the presence of a polypeptide of the present invention in a biological sample, wherein said kit comprises:

- a) a polyclonal or monoclonal antibody that specifically binds a polypeptide of the present invention, optionally labeled;
- b) a reagent allowing the detection of the antigen-antibody complexes formed, said reagent carrying optionally a label, or being able to be recognized itself by a labeled reagent, more particularly in the case when the above-mentioned monoclonal or polyclonal antibody is not labeled by itself.

#### A. Monoclonal Antibody Production by Hybridoma Fusion

Monoclonal antibody to epitopes of any of the peptides identified and isolated as described can be prepared from murine hybridomas according to the classical method of Kohler, G. and Milstein, C., Nature 256:495 (1975) or derivative methods thereof. Briefly, a mouse is repetitively inoculated with a few micrograms of the selected protein or peptides derived therefrom over a period of a few weeks. The mouse is then sacrificed, and the antibody producing cells of the spleen isolated.

The spleen cells are fused by means of polyethylene glycol with mouse myeloma cells, and the excess unfused cells destroyed by growth of the system on selective media comprising aminopterin (HAT media). The successfully fused cells are diluted and aliquots of the dilution placed in wells of a microtiter plate where growth of the culture is continued. Antibody-producing clones are identified by detection of antibody in the supernatant fluid of the wells by immunoassay procedures, such as Elisa, as originally described by Engvall, E., Meth. Enzymol. 70:419 (1980), and derivative methods thereof. Selected positive clones can be expanded and their monoclonal antibody product harvested for use. Detailed procedures for monoclonal antibody production are described in Davis, L. et al.

✓ Basic Methods in Molecular Biology Elsevier, New York. Section 21-2.

#### B. Polyclonal Antibody Production by Immunization

Polyclonal antiserum containing antibodies to heterogenous epitopes of a single protein can be prepared by immunizing suitable animals with the expressed protein or peptides derived therefrom described above, which can be unmodified or modified to enhance immunogenicity. Effective

polyclonal antibody production is affected by many factors related both to the antigen and the host species. For example, small molecules tend to be less immunogenic than others and may require the use of carriers and adjuvant. Also, host animals vary in response to site of inoculations and dose, with both inadequate or excessive doses of antigen resulting in low titer antisera. Small doses (ng level) of antigen administered at multiple intradermal sites appears to be most reliable. An effective immunization protocol for rabbits can be found in Vaitukaitis, J. et al. J. Clin. Endocrinol. Metab. 33:988-991 (1971).

Booster injections can be given at regular intervals, and antiserum harvested when antibody titer thereof, as determined semi-quantitatively, for example, by double immunodiffusion in agar against known concentrations of the antigen, begins to fall. See, for example, Ouchterlony, O. et al., Chap. 19 in: Handbook of Experimental Immunology D. Wier (ed) Blackwell (1973). Plateau concentration of antibody is usually in the range of 0.1 to 0.2 mg/ml of serum (about 12  $\mu$ M). Affinity of the antisera for the antigen is determined by preparing competitive binding curves, as described, for example, by Fisher, D., Chap. 42 in: Manual of Clinical Immunology, 2d Ed. (Rose and Friedman, Eds.) Amer. Soc. For Microbiol., Washington, D.C. (1980).

Antibody preparations prepared according to either protocol are useful in quantitative immunoassays which determine concentrations of antigen-bearing substances in biological samples; they are also used semi-quantitatively or qualitatively to identify the presence of antigen in a biological sample. The antibodies may also be used in therapeutic compositions for killing cells expressing the protein or reducing the levels of the protein in the body.

#### V. Use of cDNAs or Fragments Thereof as Reagents

The cDNAs of the present invention may be used as reagents in isolation procedures, diagnostic assays, and forensic procedures. For example, sequences from the cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be detectably labeled and used as probes to isolate other sequences capable of hybridizing to them. In addition, sequences from the cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be used to design PCR primers to be used in isolation, diagnostic, or forensic procedures.

#### EXAMPLE 41

##### Preparation of PCR Primers and Amplification of DNA

The extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be used to prepare PCR primers for a variety of applications, including isolation procedures for cloning nucleic acids capable of hybridizing to such sequences, diagnostic techniques and forensic techniques. The PCR primers are at least 10 bases, and preferably at least 12, 15, or 17 bases in length. More preferably, the PCR primers are at least 20-30 bases in length. In some embodiments, the PCR primers may be more than 30 bases in length. It is preferred that the primer pairs have approximately the same G/C ratio, so that melting

temperatures are approximately the same. A variety of PCR techniques are familiar to those skilled in the art. For a review of PCR technology, see Molecular Cloning to Genetic Engineering White, B.A. Ed. in Methods in Molecular Biology 67: Humana Press, Totowa (1997). In each of these PCR procedures, PCR primers on either side of the nucleic acid sequences to be amplified are added to a suitably prepared nucleic acid sample along with dNTPs and a thermostable polymerase such as Taq polymerase, Pfu polymerase, or Vent polymerase. The nucleic acid in the sample is denatured and the PCR primers are specifically hybridized to complementary nucleic acid sequences in the sample. The hybridized primers are extended. Thereafter, another cycle of denaturation, hybridization, and extension is initiated. The cycles are repeated multiple times to produce an amplified fragment containing the nucleic acid sequence between the primer sites.

#### EXAMPLE 42

##### Use of Extended cDNAs as Probes

Probes derived from extended cDNAs or portions thereof (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be labeled with detectable labels familiar to those skilled in the art, including radioisotopes and non-radioactive labels, to provide a detectable probe. The detectable probe may be single stranded or double stranded and may be made using techniques known in the art, including in vitro transcription, nick translation, or kinase reactions. A nucleic acid sample containing a sequence capable of hybridizing to the labeled probe is contacted with the labeled probe. If the nucleic acid in the sample is double stranded, it may be denatured prior to contacting the probe. In some applications, the nucleic acid sample may be immobilized on a surface such as a nitrocellulose or nylon membrane. The nucleic acid sample may comprise nucleic acids obtained from a variety of sources, including genomic DNA, cDNA libraries, RNA, or tissue samples.

Procedures used to detect the presence of nucleic acids capable of hybridizing to the detectable probe include well known techniques such as Southern blotting, Northern blotting, dot blotting, colony hybridization, and plaque hybridization. In some applications, the nucleic acid capable of hybridizing to the labeled probe may be cloned into vectors such as expression vectors, sequencing vectors, or in vitro transcription vectors to facilitate the characterization and expression of the hybridizing nucleic acids in the sample. For example, such techniques may be used to isolate and clone sequences in a genomic library or cDNA library which are capable of hybridizing to the detectable probe as described in Example 30 above.

PCR primers made as described in Example 41 above may be used in forensic analyses, such as the DNA fingerprinting techniques described in Examples 43-47 below. Such analyses may utilize detectable probes or primers based on the sequences of the extended cDNAs isolated using the 5' ESTs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom).

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#### EXAMPLE 43

##### Forensic Matching by DNA Sequencing

In one exemplary method, DNA samples are isolated from forensic specimens of, for example, hair, semen, blood or skin cells by conventional methods. A panel of PCR primers based on a number of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom), is then utilized in accordance with Example 41 to amplify DNA of approximately 100-200 bases in length from the forensic specimen. Corresponding sequences are obtained from a test subject. Each of these identification DNAs is then sequenced using standard techniques, and a simple database comparison determines the differences, if any, between the sequences from the subject and those from the sample. Statistically significant differences between the suspect's DNA sequences and those from the sample conclusively prove a lack of identity. This lack of identity can be proven, for example, with only one sequence. Identity, on the other hand, should be demonstrated with a large number of sequences, all matching. Preferably, a minimum of 50 statistically identical sequences of 100 bases in length are used to prove identity between the suspect and the sample.

#### EXAMPLE 44

##### Positive Identification by DNA Sequencing

The technique outlined in the previous example may also be used on a larger scale to provide a unique fingerprint-type identification of any individual. In this technique, primers are prepared from a large number of sequences from Table II and the appended sequence listing. Preferably, 20 to 50 different primers are used. These primers are used to obtain a corresponding number of PCR-generated DNA segments from the individual in question in accordance with Example 41. Each of these DNA segments is sequenced, using the methods set forth in Example 43. The database of sequences generated through this procedure uniquely identifies the individual from whom the sequences were obtained. The same panel of primers may then be used at any later time to absolutely correlate tissue or other biological specimen with that individual.

#### EXAMPLE 45

##### Southern Blot Forensic Identification

The procedure of Example 44 is repeated to obtain a panel of at least 10 amplified sequences from an individual and a specimen. Preferably, the panel contains at least 50 amplified sequences. More preferably, the panel contains 100 amplified sequences. In some embodiments, the panel contains 200 amplified sequences. This PCR-generated DNA is then digested with one or a combination of, preferably, four base specific restriction enzymes. Such enzymes are commercially available and known

to those of skill in the art. After digestion, the resultant gene fragments are size separated in multiple duplicate wells on an agarose gel and transferred to nitrocellulose using Southern blotting techniques well known to those with skill in the art. For a review of Southern blotting see Davis et al. Basic Methods in Molecular Biology, (1986), Elsevier Press. pp 62-65).

5 A panel of probes based on the sequences of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs  
✓ obtainable therefrom), or fragments thereof of at least 10 bases, are radioactively or colorimetrically  
labeled using methods known in the art, such as nick translation or end labeling, and hybridized to the  
Southern blot using techniques known in the art (Davis et al., *supra*). Preferably, the probe comprises at  
least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable  
10 therefrom). More preferably, the probe comprises at least 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the  
extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). In some embodiments, the probe comprises  
more than 30 nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom).

Preferably, at least 5 to 10 of these labeled probes are used, and more preferably at least about  
20 or 30 are used to provide a unique pattern. The resultant bands appearing from the hybridization of a  
15 large sample of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) will be a unique identifier.  
Since the restriction enzyme cleavage will be different for every individual, the band pattern on the  
Southern blot will also be unique. Increasing the number of extended cDNA probes will provide a  
statistically higher level of confidence in the identification since there will be an increased number of  
sets of bands used for identification.

#### EXAMPLE 46

##### Dot Blot Identification Procedure

Another technique for identifying individuals using the extended cDNA sequences disclosed  
herein utilizes a dot blot hybridization technique.

25 Genomic DNA is isolated from nuclei of subject to be identified. Oligonucleotide probes of  
approximately 30 bp in length are synthesized that correspond to at least 10, preferably 50 sequences  
from the extended cDNAs or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom. The probes are used to hybridize to  
the genomic DNA through conditions known to those in the art. The oligonucleotides are end labeled  
with P<sup>32</sup> using polynucleotide kinase (Pharmacia). Dot Blots are created by spotting the genomic DNA  
30 onto nitrocellulose or the like using a vacuum dot blot manifold (BioRad, Richmond California). The  
nitrocellulose filter containing the genomic sequences is baked or UV linked to the filter, prehybridized  
and hybridized with labeled probe using techniques known in the art (Davis et al. *supra*). The <sup>32</sup>P  
labeled DNA fragments are sequentially hybridized with successively stringent conditions to detect  
minimal differences between the 30 bp sequence and the DNA. Tetramethylammonium chloride is  
35 useful for identifying clones containing small numbers of nucleotide mismatches (Wood et al., Proc.

Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 82(6):1585-1588 (1985)). A unique pattern of dots distinguishes one individual from another individual.

Extended cDNAs or oligonucleotides containing at least 10 consecutive bases from these sequences can be used as probes in the following alternative fingerprinting technique. Preferably, the probe comprises at least 12, 15, or 17 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). More preferably, the probe comprises at least 20-30 consecutive nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). In some embodiments, the probe comprises more than 30 nucleotides from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom).

Preferably, a plurality of probes having sequences from different genes are used in the alternative fingerprinting technique. Example 47 below provides a representative alternative fingerprinting procedure in which the probes are derived from extended cDNAs.

#### EXAMPLE 47

##### Alternative "Fingerprint" Identification Technique

20-mer oligonucleotides are prepared from a large number, e.g. 50, 100, or 200, of extended cDNA sequences (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) using commercially available oligonucleotide services such as Genset, Paris, France. Cell samples from the test subject are processed for DNA using techniques well known to those with skill in the art. The nucleic acid is digested with restriction enzymes such as EcoRI and XbaI. Following digestion, samples are applied to wells for electrophoresis. The procedure, as known in the art, may be modified to accommodate polyacrylamide electrophoresis, however in this example, samples containing 5 ug of DNA are loaded into wells and separated on 0.8% agarose gels. The gels are transferred onto nitrocellulose using standard Southern blotting techniques.

10 ng of each of the oligonucleotides are pooled and end-labeled with  $P^{32}$ . The nitrocellulose is prehybridized with blocking solution and hybridized with the labeled probes. Following hybridization and washing, the nitrocellulose filter is exposed to X-Omat AR X-ray film. The resulting hybridization pattern will be unique for each individual.

It is additionally contemplated within this example that the number of probe sequences used can be varied for additional accuracy or clarity.

The antibodies generated in Examples 30 and 40 above may be used to identify the tissue type or cell species from which a sample is derived as described above.

#### EXAMPLE 48

##### Identification of Tissue Types or Cell Species by Means of

### Labeled Tissue Specific Antibodies

Identification of specific tissues is accomplished by the visualization of tissue specific antigens by means of antibody preparations according to Examples 30 and 40 which are conjugated, directly or indirectly to a detectable marker. Selected labeled antibody species bind to their specific antigen  
5 binding partner in tissue sections, cell suspensions, or in extracts of soluble proteins from a tissue sample to provide a pattern for qualitative or semi-qualitative interpretation.

Antisera for these procedures must have a potency exceeding that of the native preparation, and for that reason, antibodies are concentrated to a mg/ml level by isolation of the gamma globulin fraction, for example, by ion-exchange chromatography or by ammonium sulfate fractionation. Also, to provide  
10 the most specific antisera, unwanted antibodies, for example to common proteins, must be removed from the gamma globulin fraction, for example by means of insoluble immunoabsorbents, before the antibodies are labeled with the marker. Either monoclonal or heterologous antisera is suitable for either procedure.

#### A. Immunohistochemical Techniques

15 Purified, high-titer antibodies, prepared as described above, are conjugated to a detectable marker, as described, for example, by Fudenberg, H., Chap. 26 in: Basic 503 Clinical Immunology, 3rd Ed. Lange, Los Altos, California (1980) or Rose, N. et al., Chap. 12 in: Methods in Immunodiagnosis, 2d Ed. John Wiley 503 Sons, New York (1980).

A fluorescent marker, either fluorescein or rhodamine, is preferred, but antibodies can also be  
20 labeled with an enzyme that supports a color producing reaction with a substrate, such as horseradish peroxidase. Markers can be added to tissue-bound antibody in a second step, as described below. Alternatively, the specific antitissue antibodies can be labeled with ferritin or other electron dense particles, and localization of the ferritin coupled antigen-antibody complexes achieved by means of an electron microscope. In yet another approach, the antibodies are radiolabeled, with, for example <sup>125</sup>I,  
25 and detected by overlaying the antibody treated preparation with photographic emulsion.

Preparations to carry out the procedures can comprise monoclonal or polyclonal antibodies to a single protein or peptide identified as specific to a tissue type, for example, brain tissue, or antibody preparations to several antigenically distinct tissue specific antigens can be used in panels,  
independently or in mixtures, as required.

30 Tissue sections and cell suspensions are prepared for immunohistochemical examination according to common histological techniques. Multiple cryostat sections (about 4  $\mu$ m, unfixed) of the unknown tissue and known control, are mounted and each slide covered with different dilutions of the antibody preparation. Sections of known and unknown tissues should also be treated with preparations to provide a positive control, a negative control, for example, pre-immune sera, and a control for non-  
35 specific staining, for example, buffer.



Treated sections are incubated in a humid chamber for 30 min at room temperature, rinsed, then washed in buffer for 30-45 min. Excess fluid is blotted away, and the marker developed.

If the tissue specific antibody was not labeled in the first incubation, it can be labeled at this time in a second antibody-antibody reaction, for example, by adding fluorescein- or enzyme-conjugated antibody against the immunoglobulin class of the antiserum-producing species, for example, fluorescein labeled antibody to mouse IgG. Such labeled sera are commercially available.

The antigen found in the tissues by the above procedure can be quantified by measuring the intensity of color or fluorescence on the tissue section, and calibrating that signal using appropriate standards.

#### B. Identification of Tissue Specific Soluble Proteins

The visualization of tissue specific proteins and identification of unknown tissues from that procedure is carried out using the labeled antibody reagents and detection strategy as described for immunohistochemistry; however the sample is prepared according to an electrophoretic technique to distribute the proteins extracted from the tissue in an orderly array on the basis of molecular weight for detection.

A tissue sample is homogenized using a Virtis apparatus; cell suspensions are disrupted by Dounce homogenization or osmotic lysis, using detergents in either case as required to disrupt cell membranes, as is the practice in the art. Insoluble cell components such as nuclei, microsomes, and membrane fragments are removed by ultracentrifugation, and the soluble protein-containing fraction concentrated if necessary and reserved for analysis.

A sample of the soluble protein solution is resolved into individual protein species by conventional SDS polyacrylamide electrophoresis as described, for example, by Davis, L. et al., Section 19-2 in: Basic Methods in Molecular Biology (P. Leder, ed), Elsevier, New York (1986), using a range of amounts of polyacrylamide in a set of gels to resolve the entire molecular weight range of proteins to be detected in the sample. A size marker is run in parallel for purposes of estimating molecular weights of the constituent proteins. Sample size for analysis is a convenient volume of from 5 to 55  $\mu$ l, and containing from about 1 to 100  $\mu$ g protein. An aliquot of each of the resolved proteins is transferred by blotting to a nitrocellulose filter paper, a process that maintains the pattern of resolution. Multiple copies are prepared. The procedure, known as Western Blot Analysis, is well described in Davis, L. et al., (above) Section 19-3. One set of nitrocellulose blots is stained with Coomassie Blue dye to visualize the entire set of proteins for comparison with the antibody bound proteins. The remaining nitrocellulose filters are then incubated with a solution of one or more specific antisera to tissue specific proteins prepared as described in Examples 30 and 40. In this procedure, as in procedure A above, appropriate positive and negative sample and reagent controls are run.

In either procedure A or B, a detectable label can be attached to the primary tissue antigen-

primary antibody complex according to various strategies and permutations thereof. In a straightforward approach, the primary specific antibody can be labeled; alternatively, the unlabeled complex can be bound by a labeled secondary anti-IgG antibody. In other approaches, either the primary or secondary antibody is conjugated to a biotin molecule, which can, in a subsequent step, bind an avidin conjugated marker. According to yet another strategy, enzyme labeled or radioactive protein A, which has the property of binding to any IgG, is bound in a final step to either the primary or secondary antibody.

The visualization of tissue specific antigen binding at levels above those seen in control tissues to one or more tissue specific antibodies, prepared from the gene sequences identified from extended cDNA sequences, can identify tissues of unknown origin, for example, forensic samples, or differentiated tumor tissue that has metastasized to foreign bodily sites.

In addition to their applications in forensics and identification, extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be mapped to their chromosomal locations. Example 49 below describes radiation hybrid (RH) mapping of human chromosomal regions using extended cDNAs. Example 50 below describes a representative procedure for mapping an extended cDNA (or a genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to its location on a human chromosome. Example 51 below describes mapping of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) on metaphase chromosomes by Fluorescence In Situ Hybridization (FISH).

#### EXAMPLE 49

##### Radiation hybrid mapping of Extended cDNAs to the human genome

Radiation hybrid (RH) mapping is a somatic cell genetic approach that can be used for high resolution mapping of the human genome. In this approach, cell lines containing one or more human chromosomes are lethally irradiated, breaking each chromosome into fragments whose size depends on the radiation dose. These fragments are rescued by fusion with cultured rodent cells, yielding subclones containing different portions of the human genome. This technique is described by Benham et al. Genomics 4:509-517 (1989) and Cox et al., Science 250:245-250 (1990). The random and independent nature of the subclones permits efficient mapping of any human genome marker. Human DNA isolated from a panel of 80-100 cell lines provides a mapping reagent for ordering extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). In this approach, the frequency of breakage between markers is used to measure distance, allowing construction of fine resolution maps as has been done using conventional ESTs Schuler et al., Science 274:540-546 (1996).

RH mapping has been used to generate a high-resolution whole genome radiation hybrid map of human chromosome 17q22-q25.3 across the genes for growth hormone (GH) and thymidine kinase (TK) Foster et al., Genomics 33:185-192 (1996), the region surrounding the Gorlin syndrome gene (Obermayr et al., Eur. J. Hum. Genet. 4:242-245, 1996), 60 loci covering the entire short arm of chromosome 12

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(Raeymaekers et al., Genomics 29:170-178, (1995)), the region of human chromosome 22 containing the neurofibromatosis type 2 locus (Frazer et al., Genomics 14:574-584 (1992)) and 13 loci on the long arm of chromosome 5 (Warrington et al., Genomics 11:701-708 (1991)).

## EXAMPLE 50

### Mapping of Extended cDNAs to Human Chromosomes using PCR techniques

Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be assigned to human chromosomes using PCR based methodologies. In such approaches, oligonucleotide primer pairs are designed from the extended cDNA sequence (or the sequence of a genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to minimize the chance of amplifying through an intron. Preferably, the oligonucleotide primers are 18-23 bp in length and are designed for PCR amplification. The creation of PCR primers from known sequences is well known to those with skill in the art. For a review of PCR technology see Erlich, H.A., PCR Technology; Principles and Applications for DNA Amplification. (1992). W.H. Freeman and Co., New York.

The primers are used in polymerase chain reactions (PCR) to amplify templates from total human genomic DNA. PCR conditions are as follows: 60 ng of genomic DNA is used as a template for PCR with 80 ng of each oligonucleotide primer, 0.6 unit of Taq polymerase, and 1  $\mu$ Ci of a  $^{32}$ P-labeled deoxycytidine triphosphate. The PCR is performed in a microplate thermocycler (Techne) under the following conditions: 30 cycles of 94°C, 1.4 min; 55°C, 2 min; and 72°C, 2 min; with a final extension at 72°C for 10 min. The amplified products are analyzed on a 6% polyacrylamide sequencing gel and visualized by autoradiography. If the length of the resulting PCR product is identical to the distance between the ends of the primer sequences in the extended cDNA from which the primers are derived, then the PCR reaction is repeated with DNA templates from two panels of human-rodent somatic cell hybrids, BIOS PCRable DNA (BIOS Corporation) and NIGMS Human-Rodent Somatic Cell Hybrid Mapping Panel Number 1 (NIGMS, Camden, NJ).

PCR is used to screen a series of somatic cell hybrid cell lines containing defined sets of human chromosomes for the presence of a given extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). DNA is isolated from the somatic hybrids and used as starting templates for PCR reactions using the primer pairs from the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom). Only those somatic cell hybrids with chromosomes containing the human gene corresponding to the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) will yield an amplified fragment. The extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are assigned to a chromosome by analysis of the segregation pattern of PCR products from the somatic hybrid DNA templates. The single human chromosome present in all cell hybrids that give rise to an amplified fragment is the chromosome containing that

extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). For a review of techniques and analysis of results from somatic cell gene mapping experiments. (See Ledbetter et al., Genomics 6:475-481 (1990).)

Alternatively, the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may be mapped to individual chromosomes using FISH as described in Example 51 below.

## EXAMPLE 51

### Mapping of Extended 5' ESTs to Chromosomes

#### Using Fluorescence in situ Hybridization

Fluorescence in situ hybridization allows the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to be mapped to a particular location on a given chromosome. The chromosomes to be used for fluorescence in situ hybridization techniques may be obtained from a variety of sources including cell cultures, tissues, or whole blood.

In a preferred embodiment, chromosomal localization of an extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) is obtained by FISH as described by Cherif et al. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. U.S.A., 87:6639-6643 (1990). Metaphase chromosomes are prepared from phytohemagglutinin (PHA)-stimulated blood cell donors. PHA-stimulated lymphocytes from healthy males are cultured for 72 h in RPMI-1640 medium. For synchronization, methotrexate (10  $\mu$ M) is added for 17 h, followed by addition of 5-bromodeoxyuridine (5-BudR, 0.1 mM) for 6 h. Colcemid (1  $\mu$ g/ml) is added for the last 15 min before harvesting the cells. Cells are collected, washed in RPMI, incubated with a hypotonic solution of KCl (75 mM) at 37°C for 15 min and fixed in three changes of methanol:acetic acid (3:1). The cell suspension is dropped onto a glass slide and air dried. The extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) is labeled with biotin-16 dUTP by nick translation according to the manufacturer's instructions (Bethesda Research Laboratories, Bethesda, MD), purified using a Sephadex G-50 column (Pharmacia, Upssala, Sweden) and precipitated. Just prior to hybridization, the DNA pellet is dissolved in hybridization buffer (50% formamide, 2 X SSC, 10% dextran sulfate, 1 mg/ml sonicated salmon sperm DNA, pH 7) and the probe is denatured at 70°C for 5-10 min.

Slides kept at -20°C are treated for 1 h at 37°C with RNase A (100  $\mu$ g/ml), rinsed three times in 2 X SSC and dehydrated in an ethanol series. Chromosome preparations are denatured in 70% formamide, 2 X SSC for 2 min at 70°C, then dehydrated at 4°C. The slides are treated with proteinase K (10  $\mu$ g/100 ml in 20 mM Tris-HCl, 2 mM CaCl<sub>2</sub>) at 37°C for 8 min and dehydrated. The hybridization mixture containing the probe is placed on the slide, covered with a coverslip, sealed with rubber cement and incubated overnight in a humid chamber at 37°C. After hybridization and post-hybridization washes, the biotinylated probe is detected by avidin-FITC and amplified with additional layers of biotinylated goat anti-avidin and avidin-FITC. For chromosomal localization, fluorescent R-

bands are obtained as previously described (Cherif et al., supra.). The slides are observed under a LEICA fluorescence microscope (DMRXA). Chromosomes are counterstained with propidium iodide and the fluorescent signal of the probe appears as two symmetrical yellow-green spots on both chromatids of the fluorescent R-band chromosome (red). Thus, a particular extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) may be localized to a particular cytogenetic R-band on a given chromosome.

Once the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) have been assigned to particular chromosomes using the techniques described in Examples 49-51 above, they may be utilized to construct a high resolution map of the chromosomes on which they are located or to identify the chromosomes in a sample.

#### EXAMPLE 52

##### Use of Extended cDNAs to Construct or Expand Chromosome Maps

Chromosome mapping involves assigning a given unique sequence to a particular chromosome as described above. Once the unique sequence has been mapped to a given chromosome, it is ordered relative to other unique sequences located on the same chromosome. One approach to chromosome mapping utilizes a series of yeast artificial chromosomes (YACs) bearing several thousand long inserts derived from the chromosomes of the organism from which the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are obtained. This approach is described in Ramaiah Nagaraja et al. Genome Research 7:210-222, (March, 1997). Briefly, in this approach each chromosome is broken into overlapping pieces which are inserted into the YAC vector. The YAC inserts are screened using PCR or other methods to determine whether they include the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) whose position is to be determined. Once an insert has been found which includes the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom), the insert can be analyzed by PCR or other methods to determine whether the insert also contains other sequences known to be on the chromosome or in the region from which the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) was derived. This process can be repeated for each insert in the YAC library to determine the location of each of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) relative to one another and to other known chromosomal markers. In this way, a high resolution map of the distribution of numerous unique markers along each of the organisms chromosomes may be obtained.

As described in Example 53 below extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may also be used to identify genes associated with a particular phenotype, such as hereditary disease or drug response.

#### EXAMPLE 53

### Identification of genes associated with hereditary diseases or drug response

This example illustrates an approach useful for the association of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) with particular phenotypic characteristics. In this example, a particular extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) is used as a test probe to associate that extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) with a particular phenotypic characteristic.

Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are mapped to a particular location on a human chromosome using techniques such as those described in Examples 49 and 50 or other techniques known in the art. A search of Mendelian Inheritance in Man (V. McKusick, Mendelian Inheritance in Man (available on line through Johns Hopkins University Welch Medical Library) reveals the region of the human chromosome which contains the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) to be a very gene rich region containing several known genes and several diseases or phenotypes for which genes have not been identified. The gene corresponding to this extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) thus becomes an immediate candidate for each of these genetic diseases.

Cells from patients with these diseases or phenotypes are isolated and expanded in culture. PCR primers from the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) are used to screen genomic DNA, mRNA or cDNA obtained from the patients. Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) that are not amplified in the patients can be positively associated with a particular disease by further analysis. Alternatively, the PCR analysis may yield fragments of different lengths when the samples are derived from an individual having the phenotype associated with the disease than when the sample is derived from a healthy individual, indicating that the gene containing the extended cDNA may be responsible for the genetic disease.

#### VI. Use of Extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) to Construct Vectors

The present extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may also be used to construct secretion vectors capable of directing the secretion of the proteins encoded by genes inserted in the vectors. Such secretion vectors may facilitate the purification or enrichment of the proteins encoded by genes inserted therein by reducing the number of background proteins from which the desired protein must be purified or enriched. Exemplary secretion vectors are described in Example 54 below.

### EXAMPLE 54

#### Construction of Secretion Vectors

The secretion vectors of the present invention include a promoter capable of directing gene expression in the host cell, tissue, or organism of interest. Such promoters include the Rous Sarcoma Virus promoter, the SV40 promoter, the human cytomegalovirus promoter, and other promoters familiar to those skilled in the art.

5 A signal sequence from an extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom), such as  
✓ one of the signal sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 as defined in Table VII above, is operably linked  
to the promoter such that the mRNA transcribed from the promoter will direct the translation of the  
signal peptide. The host cell, tissue, or organism may be any cell, tissue, or organism which recognizes  
the signal peptide encoded by the signal sequence in the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable  
10 therefrom). Suitable hosts include mammalian cells, tissues or organisms, avian cells, tissues, or  
organisms, insect cells, tissues or organisms, or yeast.

In addition, the secretion vector contains cloning sites for inserting genes encoding the proteins  
which are to be secreted. The cloning sites facilitate the cloning of the insert gene in frame with the  
signal sequence such that a fusion protein in which the signal peptide is fused to the protein encoded by  
15 the inserted gene is expressed from the mRNA transcribed from the promoter. The signal peptide  
directs the extracellular secretion of the fusion protein.

The secretion vector may be DNA or RNA and may integrate into the chromosome of the host,  
be stably maintained as an extrachromosomal replicon in the host, be an artificial chromosome, or be  
transiently present in the host. Many nucleic acid backbones suitable for use as secretion vectors are  
20 known to those skilled in the art, including retroviral vectors, SV40 vectors, Bovine Papilloma Virus  
vectors, yeast integrating plasmids, yeast episomal plasmids, yeast artificial chromosomes, human  
artificial chromosomes, P element vectors, baculovirus vectors, or bacterial plasmids capable of being  
transiently introduced into the host.

The secretion vector may also contain a polyA signal such that the polyA signal is located  
25 downstream of the gene inserted into the secretion vector.

After the gene encoding the protein for which secretion is desired is inserted into the secretion  
vector, the secretion vector is introduced into the host cell, tissue, or organism using calcium phosphate  
precipitation, DEAE-Dextran, electroporation, liposome-mediated transfection, viral particles or as  
naked DNA. The protein encoded by the inserted gene is then purified or enriched from the supernatant  
30 using conventional techniques such as ammonium sulfate precipitation, immunoprecipitation,  
immunochromatography, size exclusion chromatography, ion exchange chromatography, and hplc.  
Alternatively, the secreted protein may be in a sufficiently enriched or pure state in the supernatant or  
growth media of the host to permit it to be used for its intended purpose without further enrichment.

The signal sequences may also be inserted into vectors designed for gene therapy. In such  
35 vectors, the signal sequence is operably linked to a promoter such that mRNA transcribed from the

promoter encodes the signal peptide. A cloning site is located downstream of the signal sequence such that a gene encoding a protein whose secretion is desired may readily be inserted into the vector and fused to the signal sequence. The vector is introduced into an appropriate host cell. The protein expressed from the promoter is secreted extracellularly, thereby producing a therapeutic effect.

5 The extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs may also be used to clone sequences located upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs which are capable of regulating gene expression, including promoter sequences, enhancer sequences, and other upstream sequences which influence transcription or translation levels. Once identified and cloned, these upstream regulatory sequences may be used in expression vectors designed to direct the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial, temporal,  
10 developmental, or quantitative fashion. Example 55 describes a method for cloning sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs.

### EXAMPLE 55

#### Use of Extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs to Clone Upstream

##### Sequences from Genomic DNA

15 Sequences derived from extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs may be used to isolate the promoters of the corresponding genes using chromosome walking techniques. In one chromosome walking technique, which utilizes the GenomeWalker™ kit available from Clontech, five complete genomic DNA samples are each digested with a different restriction enzyme which has a 6 base recognition site  
20 and leaves a blunt end. Following digestion, oligonucleotide adapters are ligated to each end of the resulting genomic DNA fragments.

For each of the five genomic DNA libraries, a first PCR reaction is performed according to the manufacturer's instructions using an outer adaptor primer provided in the kit and an outer gene specific primer. The gene specific primer should be selected to be specific for the extended cDNA or 5' EST of  
25 interest and should have a melting temperature, length, and location in the extended cDNA or 5' EST which is consistent with its use in PCR reactions. Each first PCR reaction contains 5ng of genomic DNA, 5 µl of 10X Tth reaction buffer, 0.2 mM of each dNTP, 0.2 µM each of outer adaptor primer and outer gene specific primer, 1.1 mM of Mg(OAc)<sub>2</sub>, and 1 µl of the Tth polymerase 50X mix in a total volume of 50 µl. The reaction cycle for the first PCR reaction is as follows: 1 min - 94°C / 2 sec - 94°C,  
30 3 min - 72°C (7 cycles) / 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 67°C (32 cycles) / 5 min - 67°C.

The product of the first PCR reaction is diluted and used as a template for a second PCR reaction according to the manufacturer's instructions using a pair of nested primers which are located internally on the amplicon resulting from the first PCR reaction. For example, 5 µl of the reaction product of the first PCR reaction mixture may be diluted 180 times. Reactions are made in a 50 µl  
35 volume having a composition identical to that of the first PCR reaction except the nested primers are



used. The first nested primer is specific for the adaptor, and is provided with the GenomeWalker™ kit. The second nested primer is specific for the particular extended cDNA or 5' EST for which the promoter is to be cloned and should have a melting temperature, length, and location in the extended cDNA or 5' EST which is consistent with its use in PCR reactions. The reaction parameters of the second PCR reaction are as follows: 1 min - 94°C / 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 72°C (6 cycles) / 2 sec - 94°C, 3 min - 67°C (25 cycles) / 5 min - 67°C

The product of the second PCR reaction is purified, cloned, and sequenced using standard techniques. Alternatively, two or more human genomic DNA libraries can be constructed by using two or more restriction enzymes. The digested genomic DNA is cloned into vectors which can be converted into single stranded, circular, or linear DNA. A biotinylated oligonucleotide comprising at least 15 nucleotides from the extended cDNA or 5' EST sequence is hybridized to the single stranded DNA. Hybrids between the biotinylated oligonucleotide and the single stranded DNA containing the extended cDNA or EST sequence are isolated as described in Example 29 above. Thereafter, the single stranded DNA containing the extended cDNA or EST sequence is released from the beads and converted into double stranded DNA using a primer specific for the extended cDNA or 5' EST sequence or a primer corresponding to a sequence included in the cloning vector. The resulting double stranded DNA is transformed into bacteria. DNAs containing the 5' EST or extended cDNA sequences are identified by colony PCR or colony hybridization.

Once the upstream genomic sequences have been cloned and sequenced as described above, prospective promoters and transcription start sites within the upstream sequences may be identified by comparing the sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs with databases containing known transcription start sites, transcription factor binding sites, or promoter sequences.

In addition, promoters in the upstream sequences may be identified using promoter reporter vectors as described in Example 56.

## EXAMPLE 56

### Identification of Promoters in Cloned Upstream Sequences

The genomic sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs are cloned into a suitable promoter reporter vector, such as the pSEAP-Basic, pSEAP-Enhancer, pβgal-Basic, pβgal-Enhancer, or pEGFP-1 Promoter Reporter vectors available from Clontech. Briefly, each of these promoter reporter vectors include multiple cloning sites positioned upstream of a reporter gene encoding a readily assayable protein such as secreted alkaline phosphatase, β galactosidase, or green fluorescent protein. The sequences upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs are inserted into the cloning sites upstream of the reporter gene in both orientations and introduced into an appropriate host cell. The level of reporter protein is assayed and compared to the level obtained from a vector which lacks an insert in the

cloning site. The presence of an elevated expression level in the vector containing the insert with respect to the control vector indicates the presence of a promoter in the insert. If necessary, the upstream sequences can be cloned into vectors which contain an enhancer for augmenting transcription levels from weak promoter sequences. A significant level of expression above that observed with the vector lacking an insert indicates that a promoter sequence is present in the inserted upstream sequence.

Appropriate host cells for the promoter reporter vectors may be chosen based on the results of the above described determination of expression patterns of the extended cDNAs and ESTs. For example, if the expression pattern analysis indicates that the mRNA corresponding to a particular extended cDNA or 5' EST is expressed in fibroblasts, the promoter reporter vector may be introduced into a human fibroblast cell line.

Promoter sequences within the upstream genomic DNA may be further defined by constructing nested deletions in the upstream DNA using conventional techniques such as Exonuclease III digestion. The resulting deletion fragments can be inserted into the promoter reporter vector to determine whether the deletion has reduced or obliterated promoter activity. In this way, the boundaries of the promoters may be defined. If desired, potential individual regulatory sites within the promoter may be identified using site directed mutagenesis or linker scanning to obliterate potential transcription factor binding sites within the promoter individually or in combination. The effects of these mutations on transcription levels may be determined by inserting the mutations into the cloning sites in the promoter reporter vectors.

#### EXAMPLE 57

##### Cloning and Identification of Promoters

Using the method described in Example 55 above with 5' ESTs, sequences upstream of several genes were obtained. Using the primer pairs GGG AAG ATG GAG ATA GTA TTG CCT G (SEQ ID NO:29) and CTG CCA TGT ACA TGA TAG AGA GAT TC (SEQ ID NO:30), the promoter having the internal designation P13H2 (SEQ ID NO:31) was obtained.

Using the primer pairs GTA CCA GGGG ACT GTG ACC ATT GC (SEQ ID NO:32) and CTG TGA CCA TTG CTC CCA AGA GAG (SEQ ID NO:33), the promoter having the internal designation P15B4 (SEQ ID NO:34) was obtained.

Using the primer pairs CTG GGA TGG AAG GCA CGG TA (SEQ ID NO:35) and GAG ACC ACA CAG CTA GAC AA (SEQ ID NO:36), the promoter having the internal designation P29B6 (SEQ ID NO:37) was obtained.

Figure 7 provides a schematic description of the promoters isolated and the way they are assembled with the corresponding 5' tags. The upstream sequences were screened for the presence of motifs resembling transcription factor binding sites or known transcription start sites using the computer

program MatInspector release 2.0, August 1996.

Figure 8 describes the transcription factor binding sites present in each of these promoters. The columns labeled matrices provides the name of the MatInspector matrix used. The column labeled position provides the 5' position of the promoter site. Numeration of the sequence starts from the transcription site as determined by matching the genomic sequence with the 5' EST sequence. The column labeled "orientation" indicates the DNA strand on which the site is found, with the + strand being the coding strand as determined by matching the genomic sequence with the sequence of the 5' EST. The column labeled "score" provides the MatInspector score found for this site. The column labeled "length" provides the length of the site in nucleotides. The column labeled "sequence" provides the sequence of the site found.

The promoters and other regulatory sequences located upstream of the extended cDNAs or 5' ESTs may be used to design expression vectors capable of directing the expression of an inserted gene in a desired spatial, temporal, developmental, or quantitative manner. A promoter capable of directing the desired spatial, temporal, developmental, and quantitative patterns may be selected using the results of the expression analysis described in Example 26 above. For example, if a promoter which confers a high level of expression in muscle is desired, the promoter sequence upstream of an extended cDNA or 5' EST derived from an mRNA which is expressed at a high level in muscle, as determined by the method of Example 26, may be used in the expression vector.

Preferably, the desired promoter is placed near multiple restriction sites to facilitate the cloning of the desired insert downstream of the promoter, such that the promoter is able to drive expression of the inserted gene. The promoter may be inserted in conventional nucleic acid backbones designed for extrachromosomal replication, integration into the host chromosomes or transient expression. Suitable backbones for the present expression vectors include retroviral backbones, backbones from eukaryotic episomes such as SV40 or Bovine Papilloma Virus, backbones from bacterial episomes, or artificial chromosomes.

Preferably, the expression vectors also include a polyA signal downstream of the multiple restriction sites for directing the polyadenylation of mRNA transcribed from the gene inserted into the expression vector.

Following the identification of promoter sequences using the procedures of Examples 55-57, proteins which interact with the promoter may be identified as described in Example 58 below.

#### EXAMPLE 58

##### Identification of Proteins Which Interact with Promoter Sequences, Upstream Regulatory Sequences, or mRNA

Sequences within the promoter region which are likely to bind transcription factors may be

identified by homology to known transcription factor binding sites or through conventional mutagenesis or deletion analyses of reporter plasmids containing the promoter sequence. For example, deletions may be made in a reporter plasmid containing the promoter sequence of interest operably linked to an assayable reporter gene. The reporter plasmids carrying various deletions within the promoter region are transfected into an appropriate host cell and the effects of the deletions on expression levels is assessed. Transcription factor binding sites within the regions in which deletions reduce expression levels may be further localized using site directed mutagenesis, linker scanning analysis, or other techniques familiar to those skilled in the art. Nucleic acids encoding proteins which interact with sequences in the promoter may be identified using one-hybrid systems such as those described in the manual accompanying the Matchmaker One-Hybrid System kit available from Clontech (Catalog No. K1603-1). Briefly, the Matchmaker One-hybrid system is used as follows. The target sequence for which it is desired to identify binding proteins is cloned upstream of a selectable reporter gene and integrated into the yeast genome. Preferably, multiple copies of the target sequences are inserted into the reporter plasmid in tandem.

A library comprised of fusions between cDNAs to be evaluated for the ability to bind to the promoter and the activation domain of a yeast transcription factor, such as GAL4, is transformed into the yeast strain containing the integrated reporter sequence. The yeast are plated on selective media to select cells expressing the selectable marker linked to the promoter sequence. The colonies which grow on the selective media contain genes encoding proteins which bind the target sequence. The inserts in the genes encoding the fusion proteins are further characterized by sequencing. In addition, the inserts may be inserted into expression vectors or in vitro transcription vectors. Binding of the polypeptides encoded by the inserts to the promoter DNA may be confirmed by techniques familiar to those skilled in the art, such as gel shift analysis or DNase protection analysis.

#### VII. Use of Extended cDNAs (or Genomic DNAs Obtainable Therefrom) in Gene Therapy

The present invention also comprises the use of extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) in gene therapy strategies, including antisense and triple helix strategies as described in Examples 57 and 58 below. In antisense approaches, nucleic acid sequences complementary to an mRNA are hybridized to the mRNA intracellularly, thereby blocking the expression of the protein encoded by the mRNA. The antisense sequences may prevent gene expression through a variety of mechanisms. For example, the antisense sequences may inhibit the ability of ribosomes to translate the mRNA. Alternatively, the antisense sequences may block transport of the mRNA from the nucleus to the cytoplasm, thereby limiting the amount of mRNA available for translation. Another mechanism through which antisense sequences may inhibit gene expression is by interfering with mRNA splicing. In yet another strategy, the antisense nucleic acid may be incorporated in a ribozyme capable of specifically cleaving the target mRNA.

## EXAMPLE 59

### Preparation and Use of Antisense Oligonucleotides

The antisense nucleic acid molecules to be used in gene therapy may be either DNA or RNA sequences. They may comprise a sequence complementary to the sequence of the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom). The antisense nucleic acids should have a length and melting temperature sufficient to permit formation of an intracellular duplex having sufficient stability to inhibit the expression of the mRNA in the duplex. Strategies for designing antisense nucleic acids suitable for use in gene therapy are disclosed in Green et al., Ann. Rev. Biochem. 55:569-597 (1986) and Izant and Weintraub, Cell 36:1007-1015 (1984).

In some strategies, antisense molecules are obtained from a nucleotide sequence encoding a protein by reversing the orientation of the coding region with respect to a promoter so as to transcribe the opposite strand from that which is normally transcribed in the cell. The antisense molecules may be transcribed using in vitro transcription systems such as those which employ T7 or SP6 polymerase to generate the transcript. Another approach involves transcription of the antisense nucleic acids in vivo by operably linking DNA containing the antisense sequence to a promoter in an expression vector.

Alternatively, oligonucleotides which are complementary to the strand normally transcribed in the cell may be synthesized in vitro. Thus, the antisense nucleic acids are complementary to the corresponding mRNA and are capable of hybridizing to the mRNA to create a duplex. In some embodiments, the antisense sequences may contain modified sugar phosphate backbones to increase stability and make them less sensitive to RNase activity. Examples of modifications suitable for use in antisense strategies are described by Rossi et al., Pharmacol. Ther. 50(2):245-254 (1991).

Various types of antisense oligonucleotides complementary to the sequence of the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) may be used. In one preferred embodiment, stable and semi-stable antisense oligonucleotides described in International Application No. PCT WO94/23026 are used. In these molecules, the 3' end or both the 3' and 5' ends are engaged in intramolecular hydrogen bonding between complementary base pairs. These molecules are better able to withstand exonuclease attacks and exhibit increased stability compared to conventional antisense oligonucleotides.

In another preferred embodiment, the antisense oligodeoxynucleotides against herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2 described in International Application No. WO 95/04141, are used.

In yet another preferred embodiment, the covalently cross-linked antisense oligonucleotides described in International Application No. WO 96/31523, are used. These double- or single-stranded oligonucleotides comprise one or more, respectively, inter- or intra-oligonucleotide covalent cross-linkages, wherein the linkage consists of an amide bond between a primary amine group of one strand and a carboxyl group of the other strand or of the same strand, respectively, the primary amine group

being directly substituted in the 2' position of the strand nucleotide monosaccharide ring, and the carboxyl group being carried by an aliphatic spacer group substituted on a nucleotide or nucleotide analog of the other strand or the same strand, respectively.

The antisense oligodeoxynucleotides and oligonucleotides disclosed in International Application No. WO 92/18522, may also be used. These molecules are stable to degradation and contain at least one transcription control recognition sequence which binds to control proteins and are effective as decoys therefor. These molecules may contain "hairpin" structures, "dumbbell" structures, "modified dumbbell" structures, "cross-linked" decoy structures and "loop" structures.

In another preferred embodiment, the cyclic double-stranded oligonucleotides described in European Patent Application No. 0 572 287 A2 are used. These ligated oligonucleotide "dumbbells" contain the binding site for a transcription factor and inhibit expression of the gene under control of the transcription factor by sequestering the factor.

Use of the closed antisense oligonucleotides disclosed in International Application No. WO 92/19732, is also contemplated. Because these molecules have no free ends, they are more resistant to degradation by exonucleases than are conventional oligonucleotides. These oligonucleotides may be multifunctional, interacting with several regions which are not adjacent to the target mRNA.

The appropriate level of antisense nucleic acids required to inhibit gene expression may be determined using in vitro expression analysis. The antisense molecule may be introduced into the cells by diffusion, injection, infection or transfection using procedures known in the art. For example, the antisense nucleic acids can be introduced into the body as a bare or naked oligonucleotide, oligonucleotide encapsulated in lipid, oligonucleotide sequence encapsidated by viral protein, or as an oligonucleotide operably linked to a promoter contained in an expression vector. The expression vector may be any of a variety of expression vectors known in the art, including retroviral or viral vectors, vectors capable of extrachromosomal replication, or integrating vectors. The vectors may be DNA or RNA.

The antisense molecules are introduced onto cell samples at a number of different concentrations preferably between  $1 \times 10^{-10} \text{M}$  to  $1 \times 10^{-4} \text{M}$ . Once the minimum concentration that can adequately control gene expression is identified, the optimized dose is translated into a dosage suitable for use in vivo. For example, an inhibiting concentration in culture of  $1 \times 10^{-7}$  translates into a dose of approximately 0.6 mg/kg bodyweight. Levels of oligonucleotide approaching 100 mg/kg bodyweight or higher may be possible after testing the toxicity of the oligonucleotide in laboratory animals. It is additionally contemplated that cells from the vertebrate are removed, treated with the antisense oligonucleotide, and reintroduced into the vertebrate.

It is further contemplated that the antisense oligonucleotide sequence is incorporated into a ribozyme sequence to enable the antisense to specifically bind and cleave its target mRNA. For

technical applications of ribozyme and antisense oligonucleotides see Rossi et al., supra.

In a preferred application of this invention, the polypeptide encoded by the gene is first identified, so that the effectiveness of antisense inhibition on translation can be monitored using techniques that include but are not limited to antibody-mediated tests such as RIAs and ELISA, functional assays, or radiolabeling.

The extended cDNAs of the present invention (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) may also be used in gene therapy approaches based on intracellular triple helix formation. Triple helix oligonucleotides are used to inhibit transcription from a genome. They are particularly useful for studying alterations in cell activity as it is associated with a particular gene. The extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) of the present invention or, more preferably, a portion of those sequences, can be used to inhibit gene expression in individuals having diseases associated with expression of a particular gene. Similarly, a portion of the extended cDNA (or genomic DNA obtainable therefrom) can be used to study the effect of inhibiting transcription of a particular gene within a cell. Traditionally, homopurine sequences were considered the most useful for triple helix strategies. However, homopyrimidine sequences can also inhibit gene expression. Such homopyrimidine oligonucleotides bind to the major groove at homopurine:homopyrimidine sequences. Thus, both types of sequences from the extended cDNA or from the gene corresponding to the extended cDNA are contemplated within the scope of this invention.

## EXAMPLE 60

### Preparation and use of Triple Helix Probes

The sequences of the extended cDNAs (or genomic DNAs obtainable therefrom) are scanned to identify 10-mer to 20-mer homopyrimidine or homopurine stretches which could be used in triple-helix based strategies for inhibiting gene expression. Following identification of candidate homopyrimidine or homopurine stretches, their efficiency in inhibiting gene expression is assessed by introducing varying amounts of oligonucleotides containing the candidate sequences into tissue culture cells which normally express the target gene. The oligonucleotides may be prepared on an oligonucleotide synthesizer or they may be purchased commercially from a company specializing in custom oligonucleotide synthesis, such as GENSET, Paris, France.

The oligonucleotides may be introduced into the cells using a variety of methods known to those skilled in the art, including but not limited to calcium phosphate precipitation, DEAE-Dextran, electroporation, liposome-mediated transfection or native uptake.

Treated cells are monitored for altered cell function or reduced gene expression using techniques such as Northern blotting, RNase protection assays, or PCR based strategies to monitor the transcription levels of the target gene in cells which have been treated with the oligonucleotide. The

cell functions to be monitored are predicted based upon the homologies of the target gene corresponding to the extended cDNA from which the oligonucleotide was derived with known gene sequences that have been associated with a particular function. The cell functions can also be predicted based on the presence of abnormal physiologies within cells derived from individuals with a particular inherited disease, particularly when the extended cDNA is associated with the disease using techniques described in Example 53.

The oligonucleotides which are effective in inhibiting gene expression in tissue culture cells may then be introduced in vivo using the techniques described above and in Example 59 at a dosage calculated based on the in vitro results, as described in Example 59.

In some embodiments, the natural (beta) anomers of the oligonucleotide units can be replaced with alpha anomers to render the oligonucleotide more resistant to nucleases. Further, an intercalating agent such as ethidium bromide, or the like, can be attached to the 3' end of the alpha oligonucleotide to stabilize the triple helix. For information on the generation of oligonucleotides suitable for triple helix formation see Griffin et al. Science 245:967-971 (1989).

#### EXAMPLE 61

##### Use of Extended cDNAs to Express an Encoded Protein in a Host Organism

The extended cDNAs of the present invention may also be used to express an encoded protein in a host organism to produce a beneficial effect. In such procedures, the encoded protein may be transiently expressed in the host organism or stably expressed in the host organism. The encoded protein may have any of the activities described above. The encoded protein may be a protein which the host organism lacks or, alternatively, the encoded protein may augment the existing levels of the protein in the host organism.

A full length extended cDNA encoding the signal peptide and the mature protein, or an extended cDNA encoding only the mature protein is introduced into the host organism. The extended cDNA may be introduced into the host organism using a variety of techniques known to those of skill in the art. For example, the extended cDNA may be injected into the host organism as naked DNA such that the encoded protein is expressed in the host organism, thereby producing a beneficial effect.

Alternatively, the extended cDNA may be cloned into an expression vector downstream of a promoter which is active in the host organism. The expression vector may be any of the expression vectors designed for use in gene therapy, including viral or retroviral vectors.

The expression vector may be directly introduced into the host organism such that the encoded protein is expressed in the host organism to produce a beneficial effect. In another approach, the expression vector may be introduced into cells in vitro. Cells containing the expression vector are



thereafter selected and introduced into the host organism, where they express the encoded protein to produce a beneficial effect.

## EXAMPLE 62

### Use Of Signal Peptides Encoded By 5' Ests Or Sequences Obtained Therefrom To Import Proteins Into Cells

The short core hydrophobic region (h) of signal peptides encoded by the 5'ESTS or extended cDNAs derived from the 5'ESTs of the present invention may also be used as a carrier to import a peptide or a protein of interest, so-called cargo, into tissue culture cells (Lin et al., J. Biol. Chem., 270: 14225-14258 (1995); Du et al., J. Peptide Res., 51: 235-243 (1998); Rojas et al., Nature Biotech., 16: 370-375 (1998)).

When cell permeable peptides of limited size (approximately up to 25 amino acids) are to be translocated across cell membrane, chemical synthesis may be used in order to add the h region to either the C-terminus or the N-terminus to the cargo peptide of interest. Alternatively, when longer peptides or proteins are to be imported into cells, nucleic acids can be genetically engineered, using techniques familiar to those skilled in the art, in order to link the extended cDNA sequence encoding the h region to the 5' or the 3' end of a DNA sequence coding for a cargo polypeptide. Such genetically engineered nucleic acids are then translated either in vitro or in vivo after transfection into appropriate cells, using conventional techniques to produce the resulting cell permeable polypeptide. Suitable hosts cells are then simply incubated with the cell permeable polypeptide which is then translocated across the membrane.

This method may be applied to study diverse intracellular functions and cellular processes. For instance, it has been used to probe functionally relevant domains of intracellular proteins and to examine protein-protein interactions involved in signal transduction pathways (Lin et al., supra; Lin et al., J. Biol. Chem., 271: 5305-5308 (1996); Rojas et al., J. Biol. Chem., 271: 27456-27461 (1996); Liu et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA, 93: 11819-11824 (1996); Rojas et al., Bioch. Biophys. Res. Commun., 234: 675-680 (1997)).

Such techniques may be used in cellular therapy to import proteins producing therapeutic effects. For instance, cells isolated from a patient may be treated with imported therapeutic proteins and then re-introduced into the host organism.

Alternatively, the h region of signal peptides of the present invention could be used in combination with a nuclear localization signal to deliver nucleic acids into cell nucleus. Such oligonucleotides may be antisense oligonucleotides or oligonucleotides designed to form triple helixes, as described in examples 59 and 60 respectively, in order to inhibit processing and maturation of a target cellular RNA.

### EXAMPLE 63

#### Reassembling & Resequencing of Clones

Further study of the clones reported in SEQ ID NOs: 40 to 86 revealed a series of abnormalities.

5 As a result, the clones were resequenced twice, reanalyzed and the open reading frames were reassigned. The corrected nucleotide sequences have been disclosed in SEQ ID NOs: 134 to 180 and 228 and the predicted amino acid sequences for the corresponding polypeptides have also been corrected and disclosed in SEQ ID NOs: 181 to 227 and 229. The corrected sequences have been placed in the Sequence Listing in the same order as the original sequences from which they were derived.

10 After this reanalysis process a few apparent abnormalities persisted. The sequences presented in SEQ ID NOs: 134, 149, 151, and 164 are apparently unlikely to be genuine full length cDNAs. These clones are missing a stop codon and are thus more probably 3' truncated cDNA sequences. Similarly, the sequences presented in SEQ ID NOs: 145, 155, and 166 may also not be genuine full length cDNAs based on homology studies with existing protein sequences. Although both of these sequences encode a potential start methionine each could represent of 5' truncated cDNA.

15 In addition, after the reassignment of open reading frames for the clones, new open reading frames were chosen in some instances. In case of SEQ ID NOs: 135, 149, 155, 160, 166, 171, and 175 the new open reading frames were no longer predicted to contain a signal peptide.

✓ Table VII provides the sequence identification numbers of the extended cDNAs of the present invention, the locations of the full coding sequences in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 (i.e. the nucleotides encoding both the signal peptide and the mature protein, listed under the heading FCS location in Table VII), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode the signal peptides (listed under the heading SigPep Location in Table VII), the locations of the nucleotides in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 which encode the mature proteins generated by cleavage of the signal peptides (listed under the heading Mature Polypeptide Location in Table VII), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 of stop codons (listed under the heading Stop Codon Location in Table VII), the locations in SEQ ID NOs: 134-180 of polyA signals (listed under the heading PolyA Signal Location in Table VII) and the locations of polyA sites (listed under the heading PolyA Site Location in Table VII).

25 Table VIII lists the sequence identification numbers of the polypeptides of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227, the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 in the full length polypeptide (second column), the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 in the signal peptides (third column), and the locations of the amino acid residues of SEQ ID NOs: 181-227 in the mature polypeptide created by cleaving the signal peptide from the full length polypeptide (fourth column). In Table VIII, and in the appended sequence listing, the first amino acid of the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1

and the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated with the appropriate negative number, in accordance with the regulations governing sequence listings.

#### EXAMPLE 64

##### Functional Analysis of Predicted Protein Sequences

It should be noted that the numbering of amino acids in the protein sequences discussed in Figures 9 to 16, and Table VI, the first methionine encountered is designated as amino acid number 1. In the appended sequence listing, the first amino acid of the mature protein resulting from cleavage of the signal peptide is designated as amino acid number 1 and the first amino acid of the signal peptide is designated with the appropriate negative number, in accordance with the regulations governing sequence listings.

##### Protein of SEQ ID NO: 181

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 181 is encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 134. The protein of SEQ ID NO: 181 is human strictosidine synthase. Strictodine synthase is a key enzyme in the production of, and therefore useful in making, the pharmaceutically important monoterpene indole alkaloids. Pathways for the production of monoterpene indole alkaloids can be reconstructed in various cell types, for example, insect cell cultures as described in Kutchan, T.M. et al. (1994) *Phytochemistry* 35(2):353-360. Strictodine synthase can also be produced *E. coli* and its activity measuring using methods described in, for example, Roessner, C.A. et al. (1992) *Protein Expr. Purif.* 3(4):295-300; Kutchan, T.M. (1989) *FEBS Lett.* 257(1):127-130; Pennings, E.J. et al. (1989) *Anal. Biochem.* 176(2):412-415; Walton, N.J. (1987) *Anal. Biochem.* 163(2):482-488. Preferred fragments of SEQ ID NO: 181 and the mature polypeptide encoded by the corresponding human cDNA of the deposited clone are those with strictodine synthase activity. Further preferred are fragments with not less than 100 fold less activity, not less than 10 fold activity, and not less than 5 fold activity when compared to mature protein.

##### Protein of SEQ ID NO: 183

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 183, encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 136, is human inositol hexakisphosphate kinase-2. Inositol hexakisphosphate kinase-2 phosphorylates inositol hexakisphosphate (InsP(6)) to diphosphoinositol pentakisphosphate/inositol heptakisphosphate (InsP(7)), a high energy regulator of cellular trafficking. Human inositol hexakisphosphate kinase-2 also stimulates the uptake of inorganic phosphate and its products act as energy reserves. Therefore, hexakisphosphate kinase-2 is an ATP synthase, and its product, diphosphoinositol pentakisphosphate, acts as a high-energy phosphate donor. The human inositol hexakisphosphate kinase-2 gene may be

transfected into eukaryotic cells (preferably mammalian, yeast, and insect cells) and expressed to increase their growth, viability, and for more efficient secretions of polypeptides, including recombinant polypeptides. Preferred fragments of SEQ ID NO: 183 and the corresponding mature polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA of the deposited clone are those with inositol

- 5 hexakisphosphate kinase-2 activity. Further preferred are fragments with not less than 100 fold less activity, not less than 10 fold activity, and not less than 5 fold activity when compared to mature protein.

✓ Proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 185 and 215:

The proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 185 and 215 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NOs: 138 and 168, respectively, are MEK binding partners. These proteins enhance enzymatic activation of mitogen-activated protein (MAP) kinase cascade. The MAP kinase pathway is one of the important enzymatic cascade that is conserved among all eukaryotes from yeast to human. This kind of pathway is involved in vital functions such as the regulation of growth, differentiation and apoptosis.

These proteins are believed to act by facilitating the interaction of the two sequentially acting kinases MEK1 and ERK1 (Schaffer et al., Science, 281:1668-1671 (1998)).

Thus, the proteins of SEQ ID NO: 185 and 215 are involved in regulating protein-protein interaction in the signal transduction pathways. These proteins may be useful in diagnosing and/or treating several types of disorders including, but not limited to, cancer, neurodegenerative diseases, cardiovascular disorders, hypertension, renal injury and repair and septic shock. More specifically, over expression and mutant forms of this gene can serve as markers for cancer, such as ovarian cancer, using the nucleic acid as a probe or by using antibodies directed to the protein. Cells transfected with this gene have increased growth rate.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 186

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 186, encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 139, is a new claudin named Claudin-50.

Cell adhesion is a complex process that is important for maintaining tissue integrity and generating physical and permeability barriers within the body. All tissues are divided into discrete compartments, each of which is composed of a specific cell type that adheres to similar cell types.

Such adhesion triggers the formation of intercellular junctions (i.e., readily definable contact sites on the surfaces of adjacent cells that are adhering to one another), also known as tight junctions, gap junctions, spot desmosomes and belt desmosomes. The formation of such junctions gives rise to physical and permeability barriers that restrict the free passage of cells and other biological substances from one tissue compartment to another. For example, the blood vessels of all tissues are composed of endothelial cells. In order for components in the blood to enter a given tissue

compartment, they must first pass from the lumen of a blood vessel through the barrier formed by the endothelial cells of that vessel. Similarly, in order for substances to enter the body via the gut, the substances must first pass through a barrier formed by the epithelial cells of that tissue. To enter the blood via the skin, both epithelial and endothelial cell layers must be crossed.

5 The transmembrane component of tight junctions that has been the most studied is occluding. Occludin is believed to be directly involved in cell adhesion and the formation of tight junctions (Furuse et al., J. Cell Sci. 109:429-435, 1996; Chen et al., J. Cell Biol. 138:891-899, 1997). It has been proposed that occludin promotes cell adhesion through homophilic interactions (an occludin on the surface of one cell binds to an identical occludin on the surface of another cell). A detailed discussion of occludin structure and function is provided by Lampugnani and Dejana, Curr. Opin Cell Biol. 9:674-682, 1997.

10 More recently, a second family of tight junction components has been identified. Claudins are transmembrane proteins that appear to be directly involved in cell adhesion and the formation of tight junctions (Furuse et al., J. Cell Biology 141:1539-1550, 1998; Morita et al., Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 96:511-516, 1999). Other previously described proteins that appear to be members of the claudin family include RVP-1 (Briehl and Miesfeld, Molecular Endocrinology 5:1381-1388, 1991; Katahira et al., J. Biological Chemistry 272:26652-26656, 1997), the Clostridium perfringens enterotoxin receptor (CPE-R; see Katahira et al., J. Cell Biology 136:1239-1247, 1997; Katahira et al., J. Biological Chemistry 272:26652-26656, 1997) and TMVCF (transmembrane protein deleted in Velo-cardio-facial syndrome; Sirotkin et al., Genomics 42:245-51, 1997).

15 Based on hydrophobicity analysis, all claudins appear to be approximately 22 kD and contain four hydrophobic domains that transverse the plasma membrane. It has been proposed that claudins promote cell adhesion through homophilic interactions (a claudin on the surface of one cell binds to an identical claudin on the surface of another cell) or heterophilic interactions, possibly with occludin.

20 Although cell adhesion is required for certain normal physiological functions, there are situations in which the level of cell adhesion is undesirable. For example, many pathologies (such as autoimmune diseases and inflammatory diseases) involve abnormal cellular adhesion. Cell adhesion may also play a role in graft rejection. In such circumstances, modulation of cell adhesion may be desirable.

25 In addition, permeability barriers arising from cell adhesion create difficulties for the delivery of drugs to specific tissues and tumors within the body. For example, skin patches are a convenient tool for administering drugs through the skin. However, the use of skin patches has been limited to small, hydrophobic molecules because of the epithelial and endothelial cell barriers. Similarly, endothelial cells render the blood capillaries largely impermeable to drugs, and the blood/brain

barrier has hampered the targeting of drugs to the central nervous system. In addition, many solid tumors develop internal barriers that limit the delivery of anti-tumor drugs and antibodies to inner cells.

Attempts to facilitate the passage of drugs across such barriers generally rely on specific  
5 receptors or carrier proteins that transport molecules across barriers in vivo. However, such methods are often inefficient, due to low endogenous transport rates or to the poor functioning of a carrier protein with drugs. While improved efficiency has been achieved using a variety of chemical agents that disrupt cell adhesion, such agents are typically associated with undesirable side-effects, may require invasive procedures for administration and may result in irreversible effects.

10 Accordingly, there is a need in the art for compounds that modulate cell adhesion and improve drug delivery across permeability barriers without such disadvantages. The present invention fulfills this need and further provides other related advantages.

The present invention provides compounds and methods for modulating claudin-mediated cell adhesion and the formation of permeability barriers. Within certain aspects, the present invention  
15 provides cell adhesion modulating agents that inhibit or enhance claudin-mediated cell adhesion. Certain modulating agents comprise the claudin CAR sequence WKTSSTVG. Other modulating agents comprise at least five or seven consecutive amino acid residues of a claudin CAR sequence: Comprising the sequence TSSY, wherein each permutation is an individual specie of the present invention.

20 The present invention further provides for polypeptides comprising amino acid residues 32 to 35 of SEQ. ID NO: 186, wherein said sequence comprises an additional 1 to 31 consecutive residues of N-terminal sequence of SEQ. ID NO: 186 and an additional 1 to 193 consecutive C-terminal residues of SEQ. ID NO: 186. Further included are polypeptides comprising additional consecutive residues at both the N-terminal, C-terminal. Each permutation of the above polypeptides comprising  
25 additional N-terminal, C-terminal & N- and C terminal residues are included in the present invention as individual species.

The present invention further provides, within other aspects, polynucleotides encoding a modulating agent as provided above, expression vectors comprising such a polynucleotide, and host cells transformed or transfected with such an expression vector.

30 Within further aspects, the present invention provides modulating agents that comprise an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that specifically binds to a claudin CAR sequence and modulates a claudin-mediated function.

The present invention further provides modulating agents comprising a mimetic of a claudin CAR sequence that comprises at least three or five consecutive amino acid residues of the claudin  
35 CAR sequence WKTSSYVG.

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Within other aspects, modulating agents as described above may be linked to one or more of a drug, a detectable marker, a targeting agent and/or a support material. Alternatively, or in addition, modulating agents as described above may further comprise one or more of: (a) a cell adhesion recognition sequence that is bound by an adhesion molecule other than a claudin, wherein the cell  
5 adhesion recognition sequence is separated from any claudin CAR sequence(s) by a linker; and/or (b) an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that specifically binds to a cell adhesion recognition sequence bound by an adhesion molecule other than a claudin. Such adhesion molecules may be selected from the group consisting of integrins, cadherins, occludin, N-CAM, JAM, PE-CAM, desmogleins, desmocollins, fibronectin, laminin and other extracellular matrix proteins.

10 Within other aspects, a modulating agent may comprise an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that specifically binds to the claudin-50 CAR sequence WKTSSYVG.

The present invention further provides pharmaceutical compositions comprising a cell adhesion modulating agent as described above, in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier. Such compositions may further comprise a drug. In addition, or alternatively, such  
15 compositions may further comprise one or more of: (a) a peptide comprising a cell adhesion recognition sequence that is bound by an adhesion molecule other than a claudin; and/or (b) an antibody or antigen-binding fragment thereof that specifically binds to a cell adhesion recognition sequence bound by an adhesion molecule other than a claudin.

20 Within further aspects, methods are provided for modulating cell adhesion, comprising contacting a claudin-expressing cell with a cell adhesion modulating agent as described above.

Within one such aspect, the present invention provides methods for increasing vasopermeability in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

25 Within another aspect, methods are provided for reducing unwanted cellular adhesion in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

In yet another aspect, the present invention provides methods for enhancing the delivery of a drug through the skin of a mammal, comprising contacting epithelial cells of a mammal with a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above and a drug, wherein the modulating agent inhibits  
30 claudin-mediated cell adhesion, and wherein the step of contacting is performed under conditions and for a time sufficient to allow passage of the drug across the epithelial cells.

The present invention further provides methods for enhancing the delivery of a drug to a tumor in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above and a drug, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

35 Within further aspects, the present invention provides methods for treating cancer in a

mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

The present invention further provides methods for inhibiting angiogenesis in a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin mediated cell adhesion.

Within further aspects, the present invention provides methods for enhancing drug delivery to the central nervous system of a mammal, comprising administering to a mammal a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

The present invention further provides methods for enhancing wound healing in a mammal, comprising contacting a wound in a mammal with a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent enhances claudin mediated cell adhesion.

Within a related aspect, the present invention provides methods for enhancing adhesion of foreign tissue implanted within a mammal, comprising contacting a site of implantation of foreign tissue in a mammal with a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent enhances claudin mediated cell adhesion.

The present invention further provides methods for inducing apoptosis in a claudin-expressing cell, comprising contacting a claudin-expressing cell with a cell adhesion modulating agent as provided above, wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

The present invention further provides methods for identifying an agent capable of modulating claudin-mediated cell adhesion. One such method comprises the steps of (a) culturing cells that express a claudin in the presence and absence of a candidate agent, under conditions and for a time sufficient to allow cell adhesion; and (b) visually evaluating the extent of cell adhesion among the cells.

Within another embodiment, such methods may comprise the steps of: (a) culturing normal rat kidney cells in the presence and absence of a candidate agent, under conditions and for a time sufficient to allow cell adhesion; and (b) comparing the level of cell surface claudin and E-cadherin for cells cultured in the presence of candidate agent to the level for cells cultured in the absence of candidate agent.

Within a further embodiment, such methods may comprise the steps of: (a) culturing human aortic endothelial cells in the presence and absence of a candidate agent, under conditions and for a time sufficient to allow cell adhesion; and (b) comparing the level of cell surface claudin and N-cadherin for cells cultured in the presence of candidate agent to the level for cells cultured in the absence of candidate agent.

Within yet another embodiment, such methods comprise the steps of: (a) contacting an



antibody that binds to a modulating agent comprising a claudin CAR sequence with a test compound; and (b) detecting the level of antibody that binds to the test compound.

The present invention further provides methods for detecting the presence of claudin-expressing cells in a sample, comprising: (a) contacting a sample with an antibody that binds to a claudin comprising a claudin CAR sequence under conditions and for a time sufficient to allow formation of an antibody-claudin complex; and (b) detecting the level of antibody-claudin complex, and there from detecting the presence of claudin-expressing cells in the sample.

Within further aspects, the present invention provides kits for detecting the presence of claudin-expressing cells in a sample, comprising: (a) an antibody that binds to a modulating agent comprising a claudin CAR sequence; and (b) a detection reagent.

The present invention further provides, within other aspects, kits for enhancing transdermal drug delivery, comprising: (a) a skin patch; and (b) a cell adhesion modulating agent, wherein the modulating agent comprises a claudin CAR sequence, and wherein the modulating agent inhibits claudin-mediated cell adhesion.

A detailed description of the above methods are described in PCT application WO 00/26360 (Blaschuck, O.W., et al.), incorporated herein in its entirety.

Further included in the present invention are methods of treating *Clostridium perfringens* or *Clostridium difficile* or *Clostridium botulinum* infections by targeting the enterotoxin, preferably *Clostridium perfringens* enterotoxin. *Clostridium* enterotoxin (CE) binds to Claudin-50. Purified Claudin-50 polypeptides can be used to absorb CE to prevent CE's cytotoxic effects on cells. Preferred CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides include the full length and mature Claudin-50 polypeptide and fragments comprising the extracellular domains, amino acid residues 29 to 81 and 103 to 116. Further preferred CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides include the extracellular domain 29 to 81 and fragments comprising the CAR sequence. CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides may further be recombinantly fused or chemically coupled (covalently or non-covalently) to a heterologous polypeptide, molecule, or support. Means of administering CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptide compositions are those well known for administering biologically active polypeptides. Preferably, CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptide compositions are administered in at least equimolar concentration compared with CE. More preferably, CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptide compositions are administered in at least a 10 to 100 fold molar excess concentration compared with CE.

The above CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides are also useful for affinity purification CE. For example, CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides can be fixed or coupled to a solid support in a column and used to bind CE in a biological sample. CE can be released from the column for example, by using a salt gradient.

CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptide compositions are also useful in detecting and diagnosing

*Clostridium perfringens* infection. The presence of CE indicates *Clostridium perfringens* infection. The level of CE is proportional to the level or degree of the disease or infection. Moreover, the degree of cellular disruption at tight junctions is also proportional to the level of CE. CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides will preferentially bind endogenous claudins at the sites of tight junction disruptions. CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides can therefore be used to detect or diagnose *Clostridium perfringens* infection by either binding CE or by binding sites of tight junction disruption. Biological samples including fluids and tissue samples can be assayed using methods well known in the art. *Clostridium perfringens* infections can further be localized in vivo using CE binding Claudin-50 polypeptides in in vivo imaging.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 191

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 191 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 144 and expressed in lymphocytes exhibits an extensive homology to a stretch of 91 amino acid of a human secreted protein expressed in peripheral blood mononucleocytes (Genpep accession number W36955 and Genseq accession number VOO433). The amino acid residues are identical except for the substitution of asparagine to isoleucine at positions 94, and the conservative substitutions at positions 108, 109 and 110 of the 110 amino acids long matched protein.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 192

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 145 exhibits extensive homologies to stretches of proteins encoding vacuolar proton-ATPase subunits M9.2 of either human (Genbank accession number Y15286) or bovine species (Genbank accession number Y15285). These two highly conserved proteins are extremely hydrophobic membrane proteins with two membrane-spanning helices and a potential metal-binding domain conserved in mammalian protein homologues (Ludwig et al., J. Biol. Chem., 273:10939-10947 (1998)). The amino acid residues are completely identical, the protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 is missing amino acids 1 to 92 from the Genbank sequences. The protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 contains the second putative transmembrane domain as well as the potential metal-binding site.

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 192 may play a role in energy conservation, secondary active transport, acidification of intracellular compartments and/or cellular pH homeostasis. Preferred fragments of SEQ ID NO: 192 and the corresponding mature polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA of the deposited clone are those with inositol ATPase activity. Further preferred are fragments with not less than 100 fold less activity, not less than 10 fold activity, and not less than 5 fold activity when compared to mature protein.

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Protein of SEQ ID NO: 193

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 193 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 146 shows homology to short stretches of Drosophila, C. elegans and chloroplast proteins similar to E. coli ribosomal protein L16.

5 Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 193 may be a ribosomal protein.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 194

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 194, encoded by the cDNA of SEQ ID NO: 147, is a chemokine.

10 The protein can be used to attract and activate monocytes and lymphocytes, especially to a site of infection or tumor. The protein can also be used in in vivo imaging to identify/locate/diagnose sites of infection or tumors. Preferred fragments of SEQ ID NO: 194 and the corresponding mature polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA of the deposited clone are those with the above activities. Further preferred are fragments with not less than 100 fold less activity, not less than 10 fold activity, and not less than 5 fold activity when compared to mature protein.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 197

20 The protein of SEQ ID NO: 197, encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 150, is human Connexin 31.1. Connexins are a family of integral membrane proteins that oligomerize into clusters of intercellular channels called gap junctions, which join cells in virtually all metazoans. These channels permit exchange of ions between neurons and between neurons and excitable cells such as myocytes (for review, see Goodenough et al., Ann. Rev. Biochem., 65:475-502 (1996)). Human connexin 31.1 is expressed only in the skin, with Connexin 31.1 mRNA being 15-30 times more abundant in mature skin than in fetal skin. Within the skin layers, human Connexin 31.1 expression is localized to the keratinocyte layer. Human Connexin 31.1 is therefore useful as a marker for skin, particularly the keratinocyte layer, as well as keratinocytes, using either human Connexin 31.1 polynucleotides or antibodies made to human Connexin 31.1 polypeptides. Moreover, human Connexin 31.1 is useful as a marker for skin tumors because, whereas hyperplasia express Connexin 31.1, skin tumors at all stages do not. Hence, Connexin 31.1 polynucleotides and polypeptides are useful for differentiating between a skin hyperplasia and a tumor.

35 Human Connexin 31.1 is also useful in the methods for treating cancer, preferably skin tumors, more preferably skin tumors involving keratinocytes. Preferred methods of using Human Connexin 31.1 for treating cancer includes the methods described in PCT application WO 97/28179 (Fick, J.R. et al.) incorporated herein in its entirety. Preferred fragments of SEQ ID NO: 197 and the

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corresponding mature polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA of the deposited clone are those with useful in the above methods, e.g., antigenic fragments and those fragments which form gap junctions.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 198

5 The protein of SEQ ID NO: 198 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 151 shows homologies with different DNA or RNA binding proteins such as the human Staf50 transcription factor (Genbank accession number X82200), the human Ro/SS-A ribonucleoprotein autoantigen (Swissprot accession number P19474) or the murine RPT1 transcription factor (Swissprot accession number P15533). The protein of SEQ ID NO: 198 exhibits a putative signal peptide and also a  
10 PROSITE signature for a RING type zinc finger domain located from positions 15 to 59. Secreted proteins may have nucleic acid binding domain as shown by a nematode protein thought to regulate gene expression which exhibits zinc fingers as well as a functional signal peptide (Holst and Zipfel, J. Biol. Chem., 271:16275-16733 (1996)).

15 Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 198 may play a role in protein-protein interaction in intracellular signaling and eventually may directly or indirectly bind to DNA and/or RNA, hence regulating gene expression.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 200

20 The protein of SEQ ID NO: 200 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 153 exhibits extensive homologies to proteins encoding RING zinc finger proteins of the human, chicken and rodent species, as well as an EGF-like domain. Two stretches of 341 and of 13 amino acids of the human RING zinc finger protein which might bind DNA (Genbank accession number AF037204). The amino acid residues are identical except for conservative substitutions at positions 18, 29, 156 and 282 of the 381 amino acid long human RING zinc finger. Such RING zinc finger proteins are  
25 thought to be involved in protein-protein interaction and are especially found in nucleic acid binding proteins. Secreted proteins may have nucleic acid binding domain as shown by a nematode protein thought to regulate gene expression which exhibits zinc fingers as well as a functional signal peptide (Holst and Zipfel, J. Biol. Chem., 271:16275-16733 (1996)).

30 Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 200 may play a role in protein-protein interaction or be a nucleic acid binding protein.

Proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227

35 The proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NOs: 154 and 180, respectively, belong to the stomatin or band 7 family. The human stomatin is an integral membrane phosphoprotein thought to be involved to regulate the cation conductance by interacting

with other proteins of the junctional complex of the membrane skeleton (Gallagher and Forget, J. Biol. Chem., 270:26358-26363 (1995)). The proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 exhibit the PROSITE signature typical for the band 7 family signature.

The proteins of SEQ ID NOs: 201 and 227 play a role in the regulation of ion transport, hence in the control of cellular volume. These proteins are useful in diagnosing and/or treating stomatocytosis and/or cryohydrocytosis by detecting a decreased level or absence of the proteins or alternatively by detecting a mutation or deletion affecting tertiary structure of the proteins.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 213 and 229

The proteins of SEQ ID NO: 213 and 229, encoded by the cDNA of SEQ ID NO: 166 and 228, respectively, is human Glia Maturation Factor-gamma 2 (GMF-gamma 2). SEQ ID NO: 229 differs from SEQ ID NO: 213 in that SEQ ID NO: 229 has additional amino acids at the N-terminus. The following description applies equally to both SEQ ID NO: 213 and 229. A preferred use of GMF-gamma 2 is to stimulate neurite outgrowth or neurite re-sprouting. These methods include both in vitro and in vivo uses, but preferred uses are those for treating neural injuries and cancer as disclosed in WO9739133 and WO9632959, incorporated herein in their entireties.

GMF-gamma 2 may also be used as a neurotrophic and as a neuroprotective agent against toxic insults, such as ethonal and other neurotoxic agents. GMF-gamma2 may be used as a neurotrophic or neuroprotective agent either in vitro or in vivo. A preferred target of GMF-gamma 2 as a neurotrophic or neuroprotective agent are primary neurons.

GMF-gamma 2 may further be used to stimulate the expression and secretion of NGF and BDNF in glial cells both in vitro and in vivo. Conditioned media from cells treated with GMF-gamma 2 is useful as a source of NGF and BDNF. GMF-gamma 2 may further be used to target cells directly or by recombinantly fusing GMF-gamma 2 to a heterologous protein, such as a ligand or antibody specific to the target cell (e.g., glial cells). Alternatively, GMF-gamma 2 may be fused or covalently or non-covalently coupled to a heterologous protein or other biological or non-biological molecule wherein the heterologous protein or molecule is used as this targeting reagent.

Preferred fragments of SEQ ID NOs: 213 and 229 and the corresponding polypeptide encoded by the human cDNAs of the deposited clones are those with the above activities. Further preferred are fragments with not less than 100 fold less activity, not less than 10 fold activity, and not less than 5 fold activity when compared to the protein of SEQ ID NO: 229 or the protein encoded by the corresponding human cDNA of the deposited clone.

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 214:

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The protein of SEQ ID NO: 214 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 167 isolated from brain shows extensive homology to a human SH3 binding domain glutamic acid-rich like protein or SH3BGRL (Egeo et al, Biochem. Biophys. Res. Commun., 247:302-306 (1998)) with Genbank accession number is AF042081. The amino acid residues are identical to SH3BGRL except for positions 63 and 101 in the 114 amino acid long matched sequence. This SH3BRGL protein is itself homologous to the middle proline-rich region of a protein containing an SH3 binding domain, the SH3BGR protein (Scartezzini et al., Hum. Genet., 99:387-392 (1997)). This proline-rich region is also highly conserved in mice. Both SH3BGR and SH3BGRL proteins are thought to be involved in the Down syndrome pathogenesis. The protein SEQ ID NO: 214 also contains the proline-rich SH3 binding domain (bold) and a potential RGD cell attachment sequence (underlined).

SH3 domains are small important functional modules found in several proteins from all eukaryotic organisms that are involved in a whole range of regulation of protein-protein interaction, e.g. in regulating enzymatic activities, recruiting specific substrates to the enzyme in signal transduction pathways, in interacting with viral proteins and they are also thought to play a role in determining the localization of proteins to the plasma membrane or the cytoskeleton (for a review, see Cohen et al, Cell, 80:237-248 (1995)).

The Arg-Gly-Asp (RGD) attachment site promote cell adhesion of a large number of adhesive extracellular matrix, blood and cell surface proteins to their integrin receptors which have been shown to regulate cell migration, growth, differentiation and apoptosis. This cell adhesion activity is also maintained in short RGD containing synthetic peptides which were shown to exhibit anti-thrombolytic and anti-metastatic activities and to inhibit bone degradation in vivo (for review, see Ruoslahti, Annu. Rev. Cell Dev. Biol., 12:697-715 (1996)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 214 may be important in regulating protein-protein interaction in signal transduction pathways, and/or may play a role of localization of proteins to the plasma membrane or cytoskeleton, and/or may play a role in cell adhesion. Moreover, this protein or part therein, especially peptides containing the RGD motif, may be useful in diagnosing and treating cancer, thrombosis, osteoporosis and/or in diagnosing and treating disorders associated with the Down syndrome.

#### Protein of SEQ ID NO: 216

The protein of SEQ ID NO: 216 found in testis encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 169 shows homologies to protein domains with a 4-disulfide core signature found in either an extracellular proteinase inhibitor named chelonianin (Swissprot accession number P00993) or in rabbit and human proteins specifically expressed in epididymes (Genbank accession numbers U26725 and R13329). The matched domain in red sea turtle chelonianin is known to inhibit subtilisin, a

serine protease (Kato and Tominaga, Fed. Proc., 38:832 (1979)). All cysteines of the 4 disulfide core signature thought to be crucial for biological activity are present in the protein of SEQ ID NO: 216. The 4 disulfide core signature is present except for a conservative substitution of asparagine to glutamine.

5 Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 216 may play a role in protein-protein interaction, act as a protease inhibitor and/or may also be related to male fertility .

Protein of SEQ ID NO: 223

10 The protein of SEQ ID NO: 223 encoded by the extended cDNA SEQ ID NO: 176 shows homology to short stretches of a human protein called Tspan-1 (Genbank accession number AF054838) which belongs to the 4 transmembrane superfamily of molecular facilitators called tetraspanin (Meakers et al., FASEB J., 11:428-442 (1997)).

Taken together, these data suggest that the protein of SEQ ID NO: 223 may play a role in cell activation and proliferation, and/or adhesion and motility and/or differentiation and cancer.

15 As discussed above, the extended cDNAs of the present invention or portions thereof can be used for various purposes. The polynucleotides can be used to express recombinant protein for use for therapeutic use or research (not limited to research on the gene itself); as markers for tissues in which the corresponding protein is preferentially expressed (either constitutively or at a particular stage of tissue differentiation or development or in disease states); as molecular weight markers on Southern gels; as chromosome markers or tags (when labeled) to identify chromosomes or to map related gene positions; to compare with endogenous DNA sequences in patients to identify potential genetic disorders; as probes to hybridize and thus discover novel, related DNA sequences; as a source of information to derive PCR primers for genetic fingerprinting; for selecting and making oligomers for attachment to a "gene chip" or other support (e.g., microarrays), including for examination for expression patterns; to raise anti-protein antibodies using DNA immunization techniques; and as an antigen to raise anti-DNA antibodies or elicit another immune response. Where the polynucleotide encodes a protein which binds or potentially binds to another protein (such as, for example, in a receptor-ligand interaction), the polynucleotide can also be used in interaction trap assays (such as, for example, that described in Gyuris et al., Cell 75:791-803 (1993)) to identify polynucleotides encoding the other protein with which binding occurs or to identify inhibitors of the binding interaction.

25 The proteins or polypeptides provided by the present invention can similarly be used in assays to determine biological activity, including in a panel of multiple proteins for high-throughput screening; to raise antibodies or to elicit another immune response; as a reagent (including the labeled reagent) in assays designed to quantitatively determine levels of the protein (or its receptor) in biological fluids; as

markers for tissues in which the corresponding protein is preferentially expressed (either constitutively or at a particular stage of tissue differentiation or development or in a disease state); and, of course, to isolate correlative receptors or ligands. Where the protein binds or potentially binds to another protein (such as, for example, in a receptor-ligand interaction), the protein can be used to identify the other  
5 protein with which binding occurs or to identify inhibitors of the binding interaction. Proteins involved in these binding interactions can also be used to screen for peptide or small molecule inhibitors or agonists of the binding interaction.

Any or all of these research utilities are capable of being developed into reagent grade or kit format for commercialization as research products.

10 Methods for performing the uses listed above are well known to those skilled in the art. References disclosing such methods include without limitation Molecular Cloning; A Laboratory Manual, 2d ed., Cole Spring Harbor Laboratory Press, Sambrook, J., E.F. Fritsch and T. Maniatis eds., (1989), and Methods in Enzymology; Guide to Molecular Cloning Techniques, Academic Press, Berger, S.L. and A.R. Kimmel eds., (1987).

15 Polynucleotides and proteins of the present invention can also be used as nutritional sources or supplements. Such uses include without limitation use as a protein or amino acid supplement, use as a carbon source, use as a nitrogen source and use as a source of carbohydrate. In such cases the protein or polynucleotide of the invention can be added to the feed of a particular organism or can be administered as a separate solid or liquid preparation, such as in the form of powder, pills, solutions, suspensions or  
20 capsules. In the case of microorganisms, the protein or polynucleotide of the invention can be added to the medium in or on which the microorganism is cultured.

Although this invention has been described in terms of certain preferred embodiments, other embodiments which will be apparent to those of ordinary skill in the art in view of the disclosure herein are also within the scope of this invention. Accordingly, the scope of the invention is intended to be  
25 defined only by reference to the appended claims. Throughout this application, various publications, patents, and published patent applications are cited.

Some of the disclosures of the publications, patents, and published patent specifications referenced in this application may not have been incorporated into the present disclosure at the point of reference. Regardless of this, all of the disclosures of the publications, patents, and published  
30 patent specifications referenced in this application are hereby incorporated by reference in their entireties into the present disclosure to more fully describe the state of the art to which this invention pertains.